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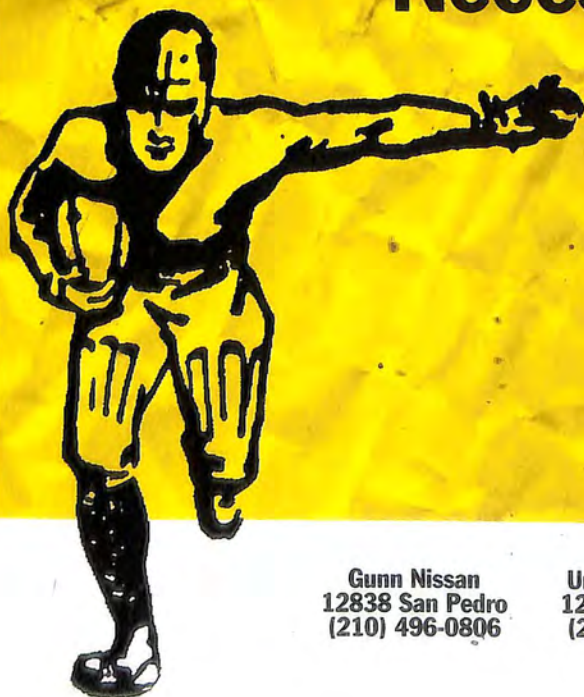
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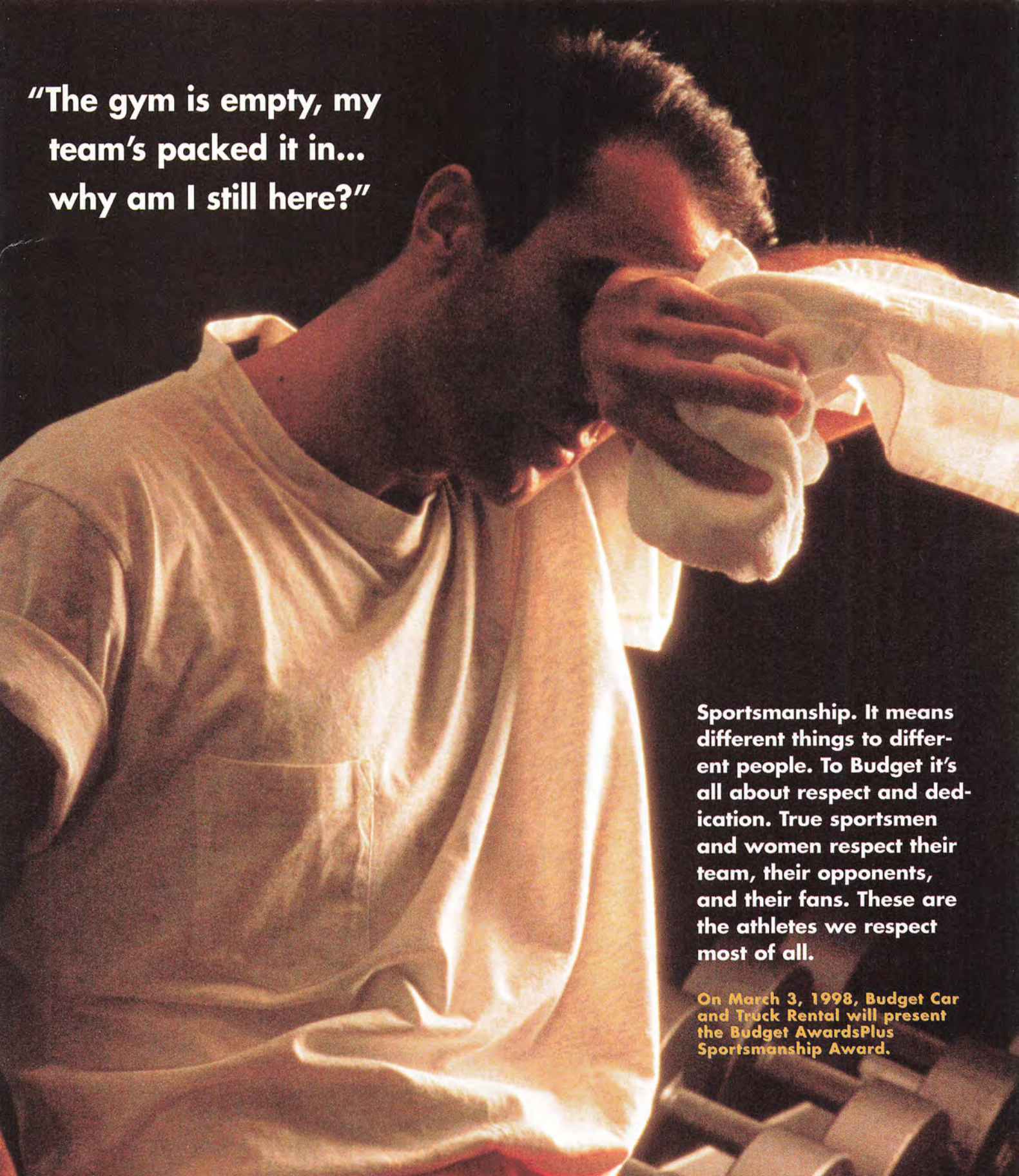
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Big 12 Schools Have a Lengthy National Title Legacy

By WELCH SUGGS

Every January 2, the bloodletting begins.

College football fans everywhere are well-accustomed to the endless debates which follow the bowl season. Although the Bowl Alliance has simplified matters, the sport doesn't have a playoff to prove a national champion. That fact automatically creates a controversy which leads to countless arguments, some leading to fisticuffs, over which university really has the country's best team.

The national title decision is left in the hands of the country's sportswriters and coaches. The Associated Press also had its final poll at the end of the regular season, leaving national champions open to New Year's Day upsets. And as polls have multiplied, so have the disputes over the "mythical" national No. 1.

But their decisions have created a mythology for each team crowned a national champion by the wire services — memories of a special day when a group of young men brought a national crown home to a welcoming college town.

More of those crowns have come home to Big 12 towns than to those of any other conference. Competing as members of the Big Eight, Big Seven and Southwest conferences, Big 12 teams have won a total of 14 Associated Press titles and 11 United Press International titles. Those numbers outdistance the Southeastern Conference (10 AP, 9 UPI) and the Big 10 (11 AP, 7 UPI).

Going back to World War II, the teams that won those titles featured some of the most colorful players and coaches in college football history.

1939 — Texas A&M (AP)

The Aggies have been coached by some of the nation's most distinguished coaches: "Uncle Charley" Moran, D.X. Bible, Paul "Bear" Bryant and Gene Stallings. But the only one to win a national title was Homer Norton.

After a perfect regular season, A&M met Tulane in the Sugar Bowl, which was Tulane's home field. All-American John Kimbrough scored two touchdowns to lead the Aggies to a narrow 14-13 win over the Green Wave 14-13. Herbie Smith blocked the extra-point attempt after Tulane's second touchdown, sealing the victory for A&M.

1950 — Oklahoma (AP, UPI)

Oklahoma's 10 wins during the regular season gave them the consensus national title, but the Sooners left the 1951 Sugar Bowl with a sour taste in their mouths.

Bear Bryant's Kentucky squad held Bud Wilkinson's Sooners scoreless for three quarters, recovering five Oklahoma fumbles. In the final quarter, future Heisman Trophy winner Billy Vessels threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to put the Sooners on the board. However, the game ended 13-7, breaking the Sooners' 31-game winning streak.

1955 — Oklahoma (AP, UPI)

Oklahoma exacted a measure of revenge against the Maryland Terrapins in the 1956 Sugar Bowl. Two years earlier, Maryland had come to the Orange Bowl with the regular-season national cham-



On the first day of a new decade, January 1, 1970, Darrell Royal (right) led his Texas troops to a 21-17 victory over Notre Dame and coach Dan Devine (left). The four-point win in the Cotton Bowl clinched a national championship for the Longhorns.

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Photo by James D. Smith

The Oklahoma Sooners won three national championships in the 1950s and two in the '70s before the 1985 squad, led by Jamelle Holieway, sprinted past all contenders to bring another banner back to Norman.

pionship in hand and knocked off the Sooners 7-0. But after winning the 1955 title, the Sooners were in the midst of their 47-game winning streak and were virtually unstoppable.

Although the Terps were first on the board and took a 6-0 lead at halftime, the Sooners reeled off three straight touchdowns in the second half, the third an 82-yard interception return by Carl Dodd.

1956 — Oklahoma (AP, UPI)

Throughout the 1950s, Oklahoma reigned supreme in the Big Seven. Under coach Bud Wilkinson, the Sooners were unbeaten in league play from 1946-59, recording 72 wins and two ties. Between 1953 and 1957, Oklahoma won 47 straight games until dropping a 7-0 heartbreaker to Notre Dame.

In 1956, the Sooners didn't attend a bowl game, preferring instead to blister opponents from North Carolina to Colorado. Oklahoma outscored its opponents 466-51 over the course of the season. In their first three games, the Sooners racked up 145 points while shutting out the Tar Heels, Kansas State and Texas.

1963 — Texas (AP, UPI)

If the 1950s belonged to Oklahoma, the following decade was turned over to Texas. Coach Darrell Royal led the Longhorns through a perfect 11-0 season, which included victories over then-No. 1 ranked Oklahoma 28-7 and No. 2 Navy in the Cotton Bowl 28-6.

The Horns barely hung onto their title for the rest of the season, outscoring their opponents only 41-31 in the three games following the OU victory. But when Heisman winner Roger Staubach brought Navy to Dallas on Jan. 1, 1964, he was stymied by the UT's Tommy Nobis and Scott Appleton.

Texas jumped out to a 21-0 halftime lead, with quarterback Duke Carlisle racking up 267 total yards.

1969 — Texas (AP, UPI)

In the 100th year of collegiate football, Texas rolled through a tough schedule and made it look easy. Through the end of November, No. 8 Oklahoma was the only team even to stay within 10 points of Texas.

This set the stage for the Dec. 6 "Game of the Century," as No. 1 Texas took on No. 2 Arkansas on a chilly day in Fayetteville. President Richard Nixon was on hand to watch Arkansas take a 14-0 lead before the Horns came storming back. James Street scrambled for a touchdown, converted the two-point try, and then hit Randy Peschel in the end zone on fourth-and-three to take the lead. The following week, safety Longhorn Fred Steinmark had his leg removed in what proved to be a futile attempt to stop the spread of bone cancer.

Texas hosted No. 9 Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl and needed another series of late-game heroics from Street to hold on for the win, 21-17. It was the Horns'

500th victory, and after being named Coach of the Decade by ABC, Darrell Royal gave Steinmark the game ball.

1970 — Nebraska (AP), Texas (UPI)

The controversy following the 1970 season marked the changing of the guard in college football. Texas had been the team of the 1960s while Bob Devaney's Nebraska squad was emerging as a power.

Both teams dominated their regular-season schedules, with the Huskers' 21-21 tie against Southern Cal the only blemish for either team. And both teams mauled highly regarded opponents at the end of the regular season — Texas over No. 4 Arkansas 42-7 and Nebraska over No. 20 Kansas State 51-13.

Heading into the bowl season, Texas held the No. 1 spot, Ohio State was No. 2 and Nebraska No. 3. For both UT and Ohio State, the unthinkable happened. The Longhorns lost their rematch against No. 6 Notre Dame, 24-11, ending their 30-game winning streak, and Stanford upset the Buckeyes 27-17 behind a fourth-quarter comeback.

Meanwhile, Nebraska fought a back-and-forth brawl against LSU in the Orange Bowl, prevailing 17-12 on quarterback Jerry Tagge's one-yard leaping touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Texas had been crowned UPI national champion after the Arkansas victory, but Nebraska claimed the top spot in the Associated Press poll, with Notre Dame second and Texas third.

1971 — Nebraska (AP, UPI)

This time, there was no mistaking Nebraska's dominance. Behind the passing of Tagge and the running of wingback Johnny Rodgers, the Huskers never scored fewer than 30 points against an opponent throughout the season and finished a perfect 13-0.

The only time an opponent scored more than 30 against the Huskers proved to be their only real scare. Nebraska's watershed victory, like Texas' eight years earlier, came against Oklahoma in the Sooners' second "Game of the Century." On Thanksgiving Day in Norman, Nebraska held on to win 35-31, thanks in large part to Rodgers' stellar receiving and special teams play.

The Orange Bowl looked to be one of the great New Year's Day matchups, with both the Huskers and Bear Bryant's Alaba-

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ma squad carrying undefeated records south to Miami. However, Nebraska made short work of the Crimson Tide, avenging a 1966 Orange Bowl loss to 'Bama with a 38-6 victory.

1974 — Oklahoma (AP)

Anyone wanting to call Nebraska the team of the 1970s would face some serious dispute from Oklahoma fans. In only his second season calling shots for the Sooners, Barry Switzer led his squad on a blitzkrieg through the Big Eight, allowing no more than two touchdowns by any opponent and shutting out Wake Forest, Kansas State and Missouri.

Ineligible for postseason competition, the Sooners concluded the regular season with a 44-13 win over Oklahoma State and finished atop the AP poll. USC took top honors in the UPI poll.

1975 — Oklahoma (AP, UPI)

Switzer's Sooners repeated on UPI and added the Associated Press national titles in 1975. Although a 23-3 loss to Kansas in Norman ended OU's 28-game game winning streak, the Sooners won out and defeated Michigan in the Orange Bowl 14-6. A New Year's Day loss by Ohio State ensured Oklahoma's consensus national title.

Steve Davis directed the Sooners' attack on the field, giving Billy Brooks a handoff that Brooks took 39 yards for a score. Davis later ran one in himself from nine yards out.

On the other side of the ball, the Sooners featured the top family in football, consensus All-Americans Lee Roy and Dewey Selmon from Eufaula, Okla.

1985 — Oklahoma (AP, UPI, CNN/USA Today)

A decade later, Switzer's third and final title team again overcame a regular-season loss to claim the national championship in the postseason. And, like 1975, the Sooners featured two defensive stars. Brian Bosworth and Tony Casillas weren't brothers, but the linebacker and nose guard provided a fearsome one-two punch.

In the 1986 Orange Bowl, "The Boz" had 13 tackles and the Sooner defense had four interceptions to dispatch Joe Paterno's Penn State squad 25-10. Keith Jackson took a Jamelle Holieway pass 71 yards for the Sooners' final score, while kicker Tim Lashar had an Orange Bowl record four field goals.

1990 — Colorado (AP, CNN/USA Today)

In all likelihood, much of the current debate over college football's arcane methods of crowning national champions stems from the 1990 season. Colorado and Georgia Tech — neither team a perennial contender — each finished the season with 11 wins, although Tech had a tie and Colorado a loss. And ugly New Year's Day matchups didn't clear up the situation.

While the Yellow Jackets were recording a 45-21 victory over Nebraska in the Citrus Bowl, Bill McCartney's Buffaloes survived a 10-9 victory over Notre Dame. Quarterback Darian Hagan and linebacker Kanavis McGhee both were sidelined by injuries early in the game. Yet despite five turnovers, two missed field goals and a missed extra point, the Buffaloes never could take advantage of the Gold Domers' mistakes to pull away.

But a win is a win, particularly over a team featuring future pros Rick Mirer, Ricky Watters and "Rocket" Raghib Ismail. Colorado got the nod from three ratings services, including Associated Press, while Tech took home two crowns, including UPI.

1994 — Nebraska (AP, UPI, Bowl Alliance, CNN/USA Today)

Nebraska has a long history in the Orange Bowl. Between the Huskers' 1971 national championship and the 1995 game,

the Huskers made the Miami trip 10 times. However, Nebraska had lost seven consecutive bowl games, including four straight to eventual national champions.

The Huskers had a two-year winning streak going in regular-season play, marred only by an 18-16 loss to Florida State in the 1994 Orange Bowl. And despite falling behind the Miami Hurricanes 17-7 in the third quarter, Tom Osborne's troops retained their composure. Brook Berringer and Tommie Frazier double-teamed at quarterback to bring the Huskers back for a 24-17 win in front of at least 20,000 Husker fans, transforming Miami into Lincoln for a night.

1995 — Nebraska (AP, UPI, Bowl Alliance, CNN/USA Today)

With Frazier back from blood-clot problems which had sidelined him for much of the 1994 season, the Huskers were unstoppable. Washington State and Oklahoma were the only teams to hold Nebraska under 40 points, but OU was shut out 37-0 and the Cougars could only keep it "close" in a 35-21 loss.

The Fiesta Bowl against Florida was a contest for perhaps a quarter, after which the Gators led 10-6. But Nebraska ran off 29 straight points in the second quarter and finished with a 62-24 victory. Frazier teamed with Lawrence Phillips for a combined 364 rushing yards and five touchdowns, with Frazier earning MVP honors.



Nebraska captured the national title following the 1994 season after it rallied from 10 points down to beat Miami 24-17 in the Orange Bowl. Terry Connealy, Rob Zatechka and head coach Tom Osborne are shown here with the championship trophy.

TEXAS SIZED UPSET

By DENNIS DODD

INAUGURAL BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WAS ONE FOR THE AGES

Casey Hampton had seen the newspaper clippings. They supposedly chronicled giddy Nebraska fans booking travel packages to watch the Huskers in the Sugar Bowl.

By the time the Texas coaches got through with Hampton, a freshman defensive lineman, they had him believing that the world north of Austin, Texas, thought the first Big 12 championship game was a formality. It was a speed bump on the way for Nebraska's third consecutive national championship.

Actually, the Texas coaches weren't too far off.

Conventional thinking had Nebraska landing briefly in St. Louis' Trans World Dome last December to wax Texas and proceed to the Sugar Bowl for a national championship meeting with Florida.

"That," Longhorn coach John Mack-

ovic summed up, "is why they put erasers on pencils."

Indeed, Texas erased Nebraska's shot at a third consecutive national championship with a 37-27 over the No. 3 Huskers in one of the biggest upsets of the 1996 college football season.

Hampton, the sweat still dripping down his face, recalled the pre-game hype while enjoying the postgame euphoria.

"Our coach showed us paper clippings where Nebraska fans were already making reservations for the (Sugar) bowl game," Hampton said afterward. "I wonder how people are going to feel who don't get their money back."

The underrated — and, for a time, underachieving — Longhorns had to win four in a row just to get to St. Louis to play Nebraska, the first Big 12 North Division

champs. It seems when you're a three-touchdown underdog you latch onto anything for hope.

Inside the Texas meeting rooms, someone displayed the alleged newspaper stories. What they said or whether they actually existed at all is up for debate. The only thing that mattered is that the Longhorns believed that Nebraska had overlooked them.

The long-shot Longhorns stuffed it in the face of the Huskers and at the same time elbowed their way into the Alliance party that was expecting Nebraska from the Big 12.

With the victory, Texas qualified for the Big 12's automatic Bowl Alliance spot, which took them to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Nebraska went to the Orange Bowl but with a giant hole in its heart after two

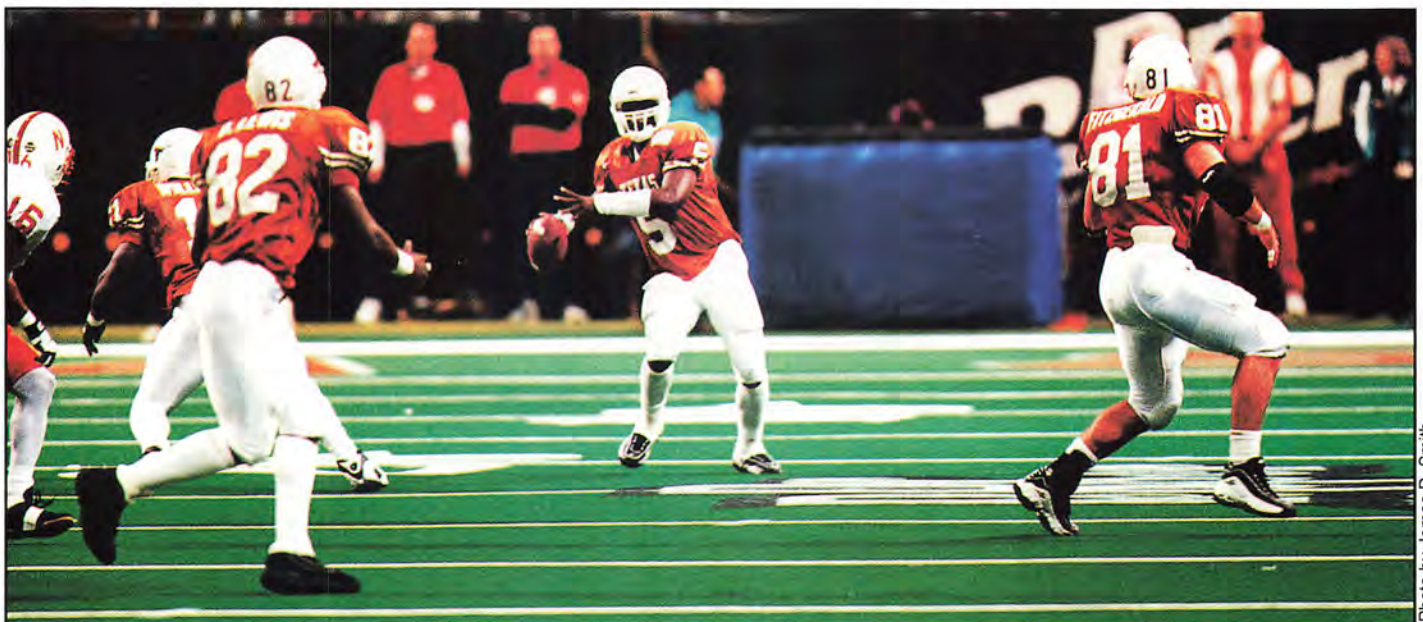


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The pivotal moment in the inaugural Dr Pepper-Big 12 Championship Game was this risky fourth down pass play with Texas pinned deep in its own territory clinging to a slim 30-27 lead and just over two minutes remaining. James Brown dropped back to pass and had this view — two wide-open receivers — before he hit Derrick Lewis (#82).

straight national championships.

"I was shocked," said Chuck Zatarain of the Sugar Bowl committee echoing the nation's reaction.

"No excuses," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "Texas just played better than we did. For whatever reason we did not seem to be playing intense."

Osborne, like his 11 other conference peers, had been against a conference championship game from the beginning. What you prove during the regular season should be enough, they argued. The income potential was too big to ignore, conference officials countered.

And so 63,109 wedged their way into the Trans World Dome on Dec. 7, 1996 to see a clash of cultures that hadn't met in 23 years. It took that first championship game to bring together two of the most storied programs in the country.

Nebraska won the last five Big Eight titles and coasted to the first Big 12 North title with ease. The only blemish on the record was a 19-0 upset at Arizona State in

the second game of the season.

That game, though, was enough to knock the Huskers off their No. 1 perch as two-time national champions. The Tommie Frazier-led Huskers had gone 25-0 the previous two seasons. The loss ended an overall 26-game winning streak.

Junior quarterback Scott Frost, a transfer from Stanford, had come back home to lead the Huskers in 1996. The blue-chip recruit from Wood River, Neb., had chosen Bill Walsh and the Cardinal. In two seasons Frost couldn't take over the starting quarterback spot and, in fact, ended up as a Stanford safety.

He returned home to run Nebraska's vaunted I-back attack only to become the whipping boy for Nebraska fans that blamed him for the Arizona State loss. His sin: he wasn't Frazier, one of the game's best-ever option quarterbacks.

"I don't regret (going to Stanford)," said Frost earlier this season. "But it was really tough coming in last year. It was basically like being a freshman. If I had four years

around this place, I think I could have ran this offense as well as anybody has."

But while Nebraska has always been Nebraska, Texas had hit upon comparatively hard times. It hadn't won a national championship since 1970. Little solace came in winning the final two Southwest Conference titles in 1994 and 1995. Basically, Texas had nothing to lose last year and played like it. Nebraska played like it didn't want to be there.

Consequently, Texas showed a resourcefulness that day that surprised the Huskers. James Brown completed his first four passes in an 80-yard drive that ended with Priest Holmes' 5-yard run to make it 7-0.

The game was tied 10-10 in the second quarter when Holmes sprung loose for a 61-yard scoring run. Texas led 20-17 at halftime. When Phil Dawson kicked a 47-yard field goal to make 23-17 in the third quarter, that was the most points Nebraska had given up in a game all season.

"I think we came out and set the tone on that first drive," Texas offensive lineman Dan Neil said. "I don't think they were ready for it. I thought we might have caught them back on their heels a little and their defensive tackles were doing some different moves than I expected...I was surprised."

Not only were the Huskers' heads not into it, but they weren't completely healthy. Nebraska was missing its best running back (Ahman Green) and talented linebacker (Terrell Farley). Cracks were beginning to show.

Freshman I-back DeAngelo Evans had a great day, running for 130 yards and three touchdowns, but was held to only 52 yards in the second half.

Mackovic admitted that he tried to build a case for his Horns' motivation coming from being the poor, deprived underdog outcast coming into the game.

"Someone in a wheelchair, maybe someone diagnosed with a disease...can say, 'You know, if those Longhorns can do it, maybe we can,' " Mackovic said. "We were playing for a lot of underdogs today."

Underdogs? Maybe in that one game. After all, Texas isn't exactly the Salvation Army.

What made the difference for Texas was Brown, a brash, gambling quarterback who threw for 353 yards after supposedly predicting a three-touchdown victory for the Longhorns earlier in the week.

And then backed it up, missing only on the point spread.

"Everyone asked how does it feel to be



Photo by James D. Smith

Once Lewis gathered in the pass, he headed up field for 61 yards before being tracked down at the Nebraska 11-yard line. The Longhorns added a touchdown on the next play to seal their improbable 37-27 win over the heavily favored Huskers.



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a 21-point underdog?" Brown said trying to retrace his pregame steps. "I just said, 'They might lose by 21 points.' I never backed down from it. I felt that we could beat them. I didn't make a prediction. That's not smart."

Said tight end Pat Fitzgerald: "We knew James didn't mean it the way the press took it. But I thought, 'So what if he did? We're good enough to beat Nebraska.'"

They were more than good enough. The 503 yards by Texas were the 11th most in history against the Huskers. The 37 points were the most against the Blackshirts in five years.

"It just seems like it was one of those days when the bottom fell out," said Nebraska defensive coordinator Charlie McBride. "They just flat took us to the cleaners."

Texas played up to its potential and qualified for an Alliance bowl for the second year in a row. The victory was a boost for the entire Big 12 South Division. Texas, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State, Okla-

homa and Baylor took heat all season for its inconsistent play. For one afternoon, at least, Texas had the better players, coach and team.

"That was just a perfect game from all vantage points," Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes said.

Amazingly, Brown had almost lost his starting job when Texas' record was 3-4. The Horns then rallied behind their fiery leader who averaged 238 passing yards and two touchdowns in the final four regular-season games.

The road to St. Louis went like this: After a disheartening 28-24 loss to No. 8 Colorado on Oct. 26, the Horns put the hoof to the pedal. They had 510 total yards in a 28-23 defeat of Baylor. Texas Tech fell 38-32 with Shon Mitchell and Ricky Williams both going over 100 yards.

A battered Kansas was shutout in the second half of a 38-17 defeat. The annual showdown with Texas A&M might have been the springboard for the Nebraska upset. Brown threw for 336 yards and four touchdowns in an impressive 51-15 win over the Aggies.

"They kept their backs in to pass block but the difference was James Brown," said Nebraska rush end Grant Wistrom of the inaugural Big 12 title tilt. "James Brown played darn good today. He evaded the pass rush well. I thought we had him sacked a couple of times but he got out of it. He deserves all the credit he gets."

Texas mixed in a powerful running attack and Brown's evasive tactics — he wasn't sacked all day — to overcome a Nebraska defense that had 47 sacks coming into the game.

Brown completed his first six passes and was responsible for the game's

biggest play. With Texas trailing 27-23 five minutes into the fourth quarter, The Hardest Working Man in Throw Business lofted a pass over Nebraska safety Mike Minter to receiver Wane McGarity.

Minter hadn't practiced at safety in three weeks after he was moved to line-backer to replace the troubled Terrell Farley. Maybe that had something to do with Minter jumping for a do-or-die knockdown attempt, maybe it didn't. Minter missed and McGarity cruised 66 yards for the game-winning touchdown.

"I think that was the turning point in the game and the play that won the game for them," Minter said.

Brown wasn't through. Nebraska seemingly had Texas stopped on fourth and inches at the Longhorns 28 with about two minutes remaining.

Punt? No. Quarterback sneak? No. Brown rolled out and with the game on the line and with Huskers closing in, lofted a pass to tight end Derek Lewis who made it down the sideline 61 yards to the Nebraska 11 before being stopped.

Priest Holmes scored an insurance touchdown on the next play.

For a guy whose reputation is all button-down, Mackovic had called the ultimate backyard play.

"We had to do everything different," Mackovic said. "We ran when they expected the pass, we passed when they expected the run. We told our team from the beginning that we would not play it cautiously. We would come out and attack."

Osborne was more flabbergasted at the call than anything else. His incredulity showed in the postgame press conference.

"When they snapped the ball I was really kind of amazed," Osborne said. "Then when I saw the quarterback go down the line I was really amazed. Then when they threw the ball I was more amazed."

So was Osborne's defense.

"On tape the guy (Brown) looks like a good quarterback but nothing outstanding," Wistrom said. "Shoot, we couldn't get the guy down. It was our fault."

Mackovic and his Horns walked out of the Trans World Dome like they'd walked in. Confident. In control. Winners.

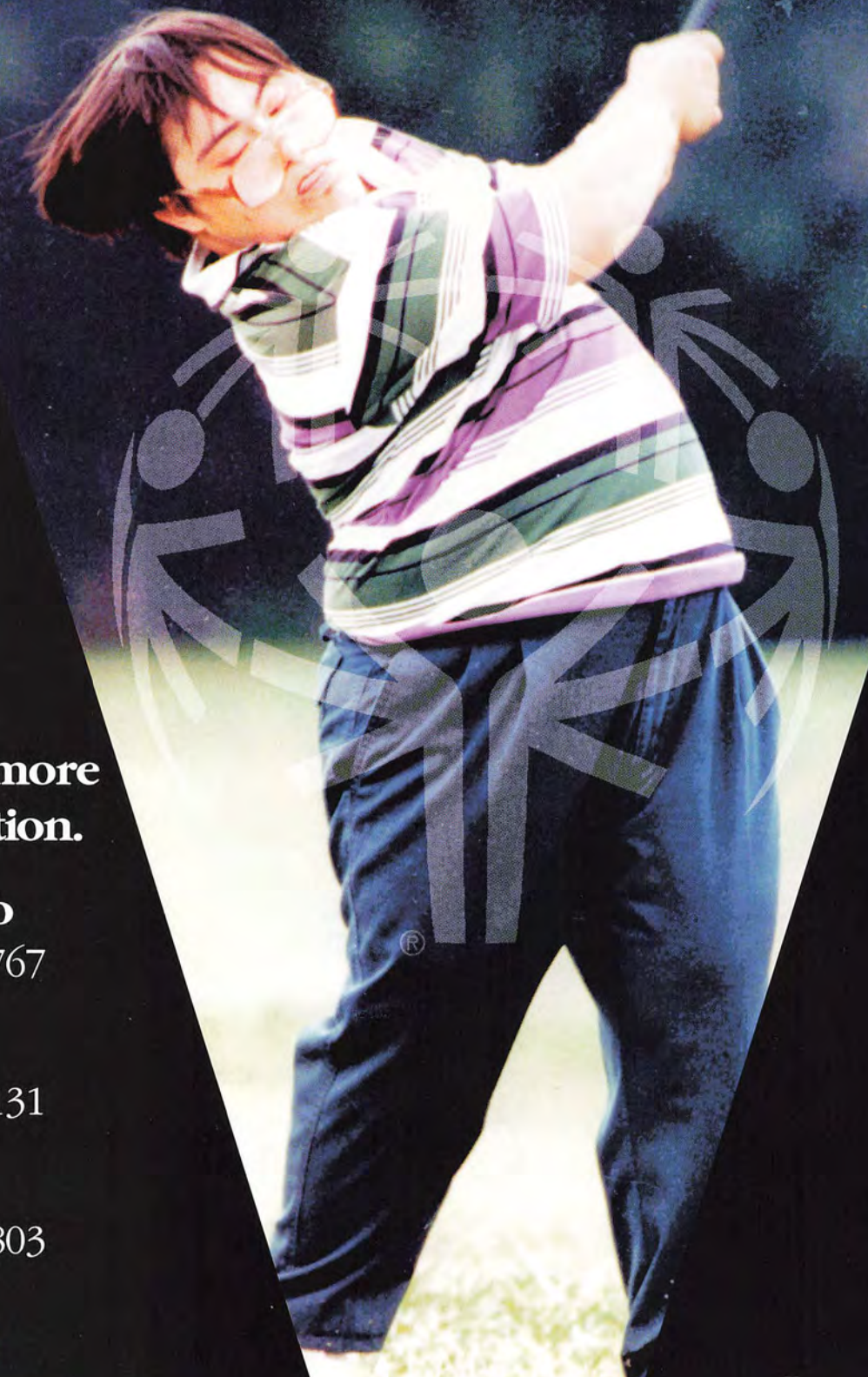
"Some of the tough things we've gone through this year have made us stronger," Mackovic said. "I told the players before the game they would be stronger emotionally and mentally if it got down to the fourth quarter. We had been there so many times. Players understood what it feels like to have to make another play."



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Signalcaller Scott Frost threw for 155 yards and ran for 47 more to help the Nebraska cause.

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Big 12 Football Facilities Receiving First-Rate Facelifts

By BRENT ROSS

It's Sept. 18, 1999, and you are entering a stadium that you feel is like a part of you. Ever since you were a kid, you have made the fall pilgrimage to this stadium. But, today there is something different. Something that just doesn't seem right. As you come out of the tunnel, you see the field and it becomes apparent — you are in The Zone.

The Zone at Kyle Field, an end zone expansion project at Texas A&M, is just one of the many football facility improvements currently taking place in the Big 12 Conference. Eleven of the 12 schools are in the process of renovating their athletic facilities, with Colorado being the only one that isn't after completing the Dal Ward Athletic Center in 1991. The estimated combined cost of these renovations is \$518.3 million and is a clear sign to the fans that schools in the Big 12 are committed to providing their student-athletes with the best facilities in the nation.

The Zone at Kyle Field is a \$30 million addition to the north end zone at the stadium on the College Station campus. When completed, the 70-year old stadium will have undergone the most comprehensive end zone expansion completed by any university in the nation, according to Texas A&M officials. The Zone will include the largest collegiate stadium club in the nation, spanning more than 14,000 square feet. The Zone will also include 1,800 custom-designed outdoor club seats for members of The Zone club, 20 private suites and close to 7,200 new armchair seats.

"This expansion does more than increase the stadium capacity, it provides a variety of spectator opportunities that enhance the al-

ready unique experience of attending an Aggie home football game," said Bill Merrill, The Zone project manager for Lockwood, Andrews & Newman, Inc. There will be 21,300 new seats in the expansion, but the final capacity will be 78,000, 8,000 more than the current capacity. Construction is scheduled to begin in December 1997 with completion and opening of the lower deck set for September 1998. Construction will continue throughout the 1998 season and The Zone will then open for the 1999 season. The Zone will be funded solely through the 12th Man Foundation and private suite donors, and no state money or student fees will be used in this project.

"The seats in the north end zone are going to offer a great game-day experience," said John David Crow, Texas A&M's 1957 Heisman Trophy winner. "If

you want to see the game's most decisive moments, like goal-line stands and last-second touchdowns, The Zone is where you want to be."

Just up I-35 to the north, Oklahoma is preparing to enter the 21st century with a comprehensive list of facility improvements. Heading that list is the construction of The Barry Switzer Center, a \$5.5 million multi-purpose building on the south end of Memorial Stadium. The Barry Switzer Center will feature a new football locker room, a modern bi-level weight room and a state-of-the-art sports medicine and training room for all sports. Also included are new football offices and a player lounge with a completion date of August 1998. Inside the stadium, the country's largest scoreboard for any sport graces the field while four light standards (completed in 1997) allow the Sooners to



This artist's rendering depicts what the entrance to Texas A&M's football stadium, Kyle Field, will look like once the \$30 million expansion project is completed.

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play more night games.

"One of my goals as an athletic director is to ensure that the student-athletes at the University of Oklahoma have at their disposal all the necessary tools to give them the opportunity to be as successful as possible, on the playing field and in the classroom," said Oklahoma Athletics Director Steve Owens. "What we're doing from an athletic facilities standpoint is giving our student-athletes top-rate venues at which they can hone their skills in the classroom, at practice and in competition."

Staying in the Sooner State, Oklahoma State has made a commitment to build a \$45 million sports complex. In the plans for the construction, skyboxes will be built at Lewis Field as well as in Gallagher-Iba Arena. The remainder of the sports complex plan will include doubling the size of 6,300-seat Gallagher-Iba Arena, an academic

center, a new weight room, a new wrestling building and extra office space.

As Nebraska makes its run for another national championship, the Huskers' stadium is receiving a facelift. In the future, Husker fans will be able to sit in one of the 40 skyboxes or in the additional club seating, while the media works in a new press box. This project is set to be completed in August 1999 at a cost of \$36.1 million. Already in place at Memorial Stadium are two new concession structures, a parking garage that has 600 stalls and a new athletic ticket office. Also completed is the waterproofing and concrete repair to the stadium, with more to be finished by next August. Currently under way is the construction of new restrooms and concession areas in the east concourse.

At the University of Missouri, Memorial Stadium has never lacked for attention

and the same is true today. After returning grass to the playing field in 1995 and adding lights last year, thorough \$12 million updates are continuing in Columbia. Exterior renovations to the stadium include improved parking areas, new walls, landscaping and an entrance plaza with concessions, restrooms, a new ticket office and a team store. Once inside the gates and in the concourse, you will be able to keep track of the game by listening to the new sound system or watching the in-house televisions, both of which are piped into the concourse areas. Concession areas and restrooms also will be considerably upgraded throughout the stadium.

Heading back to the Lone Star State, the Texas Longhorns have called Memorial Stadium their home since 1924. But in recent years the stadium has seen some changes and those do not stop with the new name. Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium, as it is called now, installed Prescription Athletic Turf in 1996 at a cost of \$1.25 million and added Sony JumboTron in the retro-fitted north end zone scoreboard at a cost of \$2.8 million. This year, 14 stadium suites were added to the west side of the stadium while a new concession plaza and visiting teams' locker room/track locker room was constructed underneath the west and northwest stands. These renovations are just the beginning of an ambitious plan that will eventually leave Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium with 52 luxury suites, improvements to the Neuhaus-Royal Complex and a 16-row upper deck on the east side of the stadium that, with the lowering of the playing field, could raise the stadium's capacity to 115,000 in the future.

As mentioned above, Colorado's most recent facility improvement was the Dal Ward Athletic Center. The \$14 million building boasts 92,000-square feet that includes a massive academic center, sports medicine and weight training centers, a full-service kitchen and daily dining area, an auditorium, men's and women's locker rooms, a lounge for players and offices for athletic administration and coaches.

For Kansas Jayhawk fans, most of the improvements that will be taking place at Memorial Stadium might not be as easy to see as at other schools. The focus of the renovation will be on structural repairs and infrastructure improvements. What fans will notice are the upgraded concession areas and restrooms as well as the sky-



Photo by L.G. Patterson

Missouri Athletic Director Jim Castiglione is shown here discussing the facelift Memorial Stadium is receiving, which includes extensive interior and exterior upgrades.



DEFENSE		OFFENSE	
SAM Linebacker 37 Tony Ortiz 46 Brian Shaw	Left Tackle 73 Fred Pollack 69 Adam Julch	Left Guard 67 Aaron Taylor 63 James Sherman	Center 59 Josh Heskeew 62 Matt Hoskinson
Left Cornerback 16 Erwin Sainey 25 Joe Walker	Free Safety 3 Eric Warfield 20 Clint Finley	Defensive Tackle 99 Jason Wilcz 96 Steve Warren	Quarterback 7 Scott Frost 1 Frankie London
Mike Linebacker 44 Jay Foreman 13 Carlos Polk	Rover 21 Mike Brown 10 Brandon Quindt	Right Tackle 73 Eric Anderson 65 Jason Schwab	Tight End 90 Tim Carpenter 34 Verstan Jackson
Right Tackle 73 Cameron Spikes 78 Andy Vincent	Right Guard 62 Semis Heimuli 79 Shea Holder	Right Rush End 98 Grant Wistrom 92 Travis Toline	Wingback 14 Lance Brown 12 Bobby Newcombe or 5 Shevin Wiggins
Flanker 88 Leroy Hodge 81 Matt Baumgartner	Fullback 33 Marc Broyles 20 D'Andre Hardeman	Right Cornerback 22 Ralph Brown II 11 Jerome Peterson	Will Linebacker 4 Octavious McFadin 1 Eric Johnson
Right End 87 Derrick Spiller or 89 Daniel Campbell	Tight End 87 Derrick Spiller or 89 Daniel Campbell	Right End 87 Derrick Spiller or 89 Daniel Campbell	Tight End 87 Derrick Spiller or 89 Daniel Campbell



DEFENSE		OFFENSE	
Outside Linebacker 43 Warrick Holman 23 Jason Glenn	Left Tackle 76 Chris Ruhman 53 Rex Tucker	Left Guard 72 Steve McKinney 56 Toby McCarthy	Center 69 Koby Hackrath 53 Rex Tucker
Inside Linebacker 28 Trent Driver or 44 Sean Corvatt	Left End 94 Zerrick Rollins 95 Rocky Bernard	Quarterback 7 Brannon Stewart 15 Randy McCown	Right Guard 62 Semis Heimuli 79 Shea Holder
Cornerback 39 Jason Webster 1 Michael Jameson	Strong Safety 48 Rich Coady 36 Ronald Patton	Right End 45 Brad Crowley 92 Mike Kamietzki	Inside Linebacker 9 Dat Nguyen 29 Quinton Brown
Free Safety 30 Brandon Jennings 5 Toya Jones	Right End 45 Brad Crowley 92 Mike Kamietzki	Cornerback 21 Shaun Horn 18 Sedrick Curry	Outside Linebacker 51 Phillip Meyers 40 Roylin Bradley

NEBRASKA SPECIALISTS

Placekicker - 35 Kris Brown, 13 Ted Retzlaff
Punter - 19 Jesse Kosch, 23 Bill Lafleur
Holder - 13 Ted Retzlaff, 1 Frankie London
Deep Snapper - 51 Kyle Henson, 58 Brandon Drum
Kickoff Returns - 5 Shevin Wiggins, 25 Joe Walker
Punt Returns - 14 Lance Brown, 5 Shevin Wiggins

1997 NEBRASKA RESULTS (11-0, 8-0 Big 12)

	Neb.	Opp.
Aug. 30	Akron.....	59 14
Sept. 13	Central Florida.....	38 24
Sept. 20	at Washington.....	27 14
Oct. 4	Kansas State.....	56 26
Oct. 11	at Baylor.....	49 21
Oct. 18	Texas Tech.....	29 0
Oct. 25	at Kansas.....	35 0
Nov. 1	Oklahoma.....	69 7
Nov. 8	at Missouri (OT).....	45 38
Nov. 15	Iowa State.....	77 14
Nov. 28	at Colorado.....	27 24



TEXAS A&M SPECIALISTS

Placekicker - 3 Kyle Bryant, 17 Terence Kitchens
Punter - 6 Shane Lechler, 47 Bill Johnson
Holder - 47 Bill Johnson
Long Snapper - 63 Kyle Lechnicky
Kickoff Returns - 34 Danie Hall, 8 Sitt Parker
Punt Returns - 34 Danie Hall, 42 Chris Taylor

1997 TEXAS A&M RESULTS (9-2, 6-2 Big 12)

	A&M	Opp.
Sept. 6	Sam Houston State.....	59 6
Sept. 20	Southwestern Louisiana.....	66 0
Sept. 27	vs. North Texas (in Irving, TX).....	36 10
Oct. 4	at Colorado.....	16 10
Oct. 11	Iowa State.....	56 17
Oct. 18	at Kansas State.....	17 36
Oct. 25	at Texas Tech.....	13 16
Nov. 1	Oklahoma State (OT).....	28 25
Nov. 8	Baylor.....	38 10
Nov. 15	at Oklahoma.....	51 7
Nov. 28	Texas.....	27 16

TEXAS A&M AGGIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
1	Michael Jameson	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	Killeen, Texas
2	Christian Rodriguez	LB	6-3	223	Fr.	Mesquite, Texas
3	Kyle Bryant	PK	5-7	162	Sr.	College Station, Texas
4	Thadd Hargett	QB	6-1	190	So.	Crockett, Texas
4	Delvin Wright	DB	5-11	170	Fr.	Lancaster, Texas
5	Toya Jones	DB	6-3	190	Jr.	Refugio, Texas
6	Shane Lechler	QB-P	6-1	219	So.	East Bernard, Texas
7	Brannndon Stewart	QB	6-1	214	Jr.	Stephenville, Texas
8	Sirr Parker	RB	5-11	195	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
9	Dat Nguyen	LB	6-1	213	Jr.	Rockport, Texas
13	Michael Williams	RB	5-10	211	Jr.	Lewisville, Texas
14	Matt Schobel	QB	6-4	220	Fr.	Columbus, Texas
15	Randy McCown	QB	6-1	204	So.	Jacksonville, Texas
16	Aaron Oliver	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	Arlington, Texas
17	Terence Kitchens	PK	5-10	155	Fr.	Lumberton, Texas
18	Sedrick Curry	DB	6-3	186	So.	Houston, Texas
19	Antoine Gandy	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	Irving, Texas
20	D'Andre Hardeman	RB	5-11	225	Jr.	Houston, Texas
21	Shun Horn	DB	5-11	188	Jr.	Jasper, Texas
22	Eric Bernard	RB	5-10	190	Jr.	Tulsa, Okla.
23	Jason Glenn	DB	6-2	205	Fr.	Houston, Texas
24	Jason Bragg	RB	6-1	220	So.	Stephenville, Texas
25	Michael Jennings	WR	5-10	170	So.	Aurora, Colo.
26	Jay Brooks	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	Killeen, Texas
27	Jeff Wilson	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	Temple, Texas
28	Trent Driver	LB	6-3	231	Sr.	Cleveland, Texas
29	Quinton Brown	LB	6-2	232	Sr.	Corcoran, Texas
30	Brandon Jennings	DB	6-2	180	So.	Houston, Texas
31	Eric Jennings	DB	5-11	190	Jr.	Pomona, Calif.
32	Burnest Rhodes	RB	5-11	185	Fr.	Terrell, Texas
33	Marc Broyles	RB	5-11	242	Jr.	Tyler, Texas
34	Dante Hall	RB	5-8	180	So.	Houston, Texas
36	Ronald Patton	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	Houston, Texas
37	Russell Bynum	PK	5-11	165	Fr.	LaMarque, Texas
39	Jason Webster	DB	5-10	165	So.	Houston, Texas
40	Roylein Bradley	LB	6-2	222	Fr.	LaMarque, Texas
41	Harold Robertson	LB	6-3	196	Fr.	Dallas, Texas
42	Chris Taylor	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Madisonville, Texas
43	Warrick Holdman	LB	6-1	228	Jr.	Alief, Texas
44	Sean Coryatt	LB	6-1	211	So.	Sugar Land, Texas
45	Brad Crowley	DL	6-5	270	Sr.	Corpus Christi, Texas
46	Cornelius Anthony	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	Missouri City, Texas
47	Bill Johnston	P	6-0	169	Sr.	Palestine, Texas
48	Rich Coady	DB	6-1	200	Jr.	Dallas, Texas
49	Joel Bryan	DB	5-10	195	Fr.	Bryan, Texas
51	Phillip Meyers	LB	6-1	215	Sr.	Galveston, Texas
52	Amon Simon	LB	6-4	235	Fr.	Houston, Texas
53	Rex Tucker	OL	6-5	275	Jr.	Midland, Texas
55	Terry Nichols	DE	6-3	230	Fr.	El Paso, Texas
56	Toby McCarthy	OL	6-1	260	Fr.	Midland, Texas
57	Kevin Vestal	DL	6-3	256	So.	New Braunfels, Texas
58	Chris Thierry	LB	6-2	226	So.	Baytown, Texas
59	Matt Moore	TE	6-2	216	So.	Anchorage, Alaska
62	Semisi Heimuli	OL	6-1	295	So.	Euless, Texas
63	Kyle Lednicki	SNP	6-4	230	Jr.	Houston, Texas
69	Koby Hackradt	OL	6-4	282	Sr.	Conroe, Texas
72	Steve McKinney	OL	6-3	289	Sr.	Houston, Texas
73	Cameron Spikes	OL	6-3	300	Jr.	Bryan, Texas
74	Brandon Houston	OL	6-4	280	Jr.	Katy, Texas
76	Chris Ruhman	OL	6-5	295	Sr.	Houston, Texas
77	Seth McKinney	OL	6-4	280	Fr.	Austin, Texas
78	Andy Vincent	OL	6-3	290	So.	Sulphur, La.
79	Shea Holder	OL	6-6	296	So.	Arlington, Texas
80	Chris Cole	WR	6-1	178	So.	Orange, Texas
81	Matt Bumgardner	WR	6-2	196	So.	Luling, Texas
82	RoDerrick Broughton	TE	6-3	240	Fr.	Monroe, La.
84	Matt Mahone	TE	6-4	249	Jr.	Longview, Texas
85	Lonnie Madison	DL	6-4	235	Fr.	The Woodlands, Texas
86	Darren Brinkley	WR	6-1	178	Jr.	Belton, Texas
87	Derrick Spiller	TE	6-3	240	Jr.	LaMarque, Texas
88	Leroy Hodge	WR	6-3	207	So.	Rosenberg, Texas
89	Daniel Campbell	TE	6-5	253	Jr.	Glen Rose, Texas
90	Stephen Young	DL	6-1	275	Fr.	Jefferson, Texas
91	Tango McCauley	DL	6-4	260	Fr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
92	Mike Kamierski	DL	6-5	246	So.	Bryan, Texas
93	Evan Perroni	DL	6-6	245	Fr.	Houston, Texas
94	Zerick Rollins	DL	6-3	255	Sr.	Houston, Texas
95	Rocky Bernard	DL	6-3	255	Fr.	Baytown, Texas
96	Ron Edwards	DL	6-4	260	Fr.	Houston, Texas
97	Marcus Heard	DL	6-3	301	Sr.	San Antonio, Texas
99	Ronald Flemons	DE	6-6	235	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
1	Eric Johnson	WLB	6-0	200	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz.
1	Frankie London	QB	6-0	180	So.	Lake Charles, La.
2	Brandon Harrison	LCB	6-0	175	Jr.	Gainesville, Texas
3	Matt Davison	SE	6-1	180	Fr.	Tecumseh, Neb.
3	Eric Warfield	FS	6-0	195	Sr.	Texarkana, Ark.
4	Octavious McFarlin	WLB	5-11	200	Sr.	Bastrop, Texas
5	Shevin Wiggins	WB	5-11	190	Jr.	Palmetto, Fla.
6	Kenny Cheatham	SE	6-4	205	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz.
7	Scott Frost	QB	6-3	220	Sr.	Wood River, Neb.
8	Brian Morro	P	5-9	170	Jr.	Middletown, N.J.
9	Monte Christo	QB	6-0	200	Jr.	Kearney, Neb.
9	Khari Reynolds	RCB	5-10	175	Fr.	Mays Landing, N.J.
10	Brandon Quindt	ROV	6-0	200	Fr.	Scottsbluff, Neb.
11	Jerome Peterson	LCB	5-7	185	So.	Port Allen, La.
12	Bobby Newcombe	WB	6-0	185	Fr.	Albuquerque, N.M.
13	Carlos Polk	MLB	6-3	245	Fr.	Rockford, Ill.
13	Ted Retzlaff	PK	6-0	180	Sr.	Walton, Neb.
14	Lance Brown	WB	5-11	190	Jr.	Papillion, Neb.
15	Willie Miller	FB	6-0	235	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.
16	Jay Runtz	QB	6-0	185	Fr.	Elkhorn, Neb.
16	Erwin Swiney	LCB	6-1	180	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.
17	Dan Hadenfeldt	PK	5-11	195	So.	Des Moines, Iowa
18	Jay Gates	RCB	6-0	185	Sr.	Aurora, Colo.
19	Jesse Kosch	P	6-0	190	Sr.	Columbus, Neb.
20	Clint Finley	FS	5-11	200	Fr.	Cuero, Texas
21	Mike Brown	ROV	5-11	205	So.	Scottsdale, Ariz.
22	Ralph Brown II	RCB	5-10	180	So.	Hacienda Heights, Calif.
22	Ben Kingston	FB	6-1	230	So.	Omaha, Neb.
23	Bill Laflure	P	5-11	200	Jr.	Norfolk, Neb.
24	Jason Benes	ROV	5-11	190	Sr.	Valparaiso, Neb.
25	Joe Walker	LCB	5-10	190	Fr.	Arlington, Texas
28	Josh Anderson	LCB	5-8	175	Fr.	Wahoo, Neb.
29	Gregg List	ROV	6-0	200	So.	Valentine, Neb.
30	Ahman Green	IB	6-0	215	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.
31	Jay Sims	IB	6-1	220	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
32	Eric Walther	FS	6-0	180	Jr.	Juniata, Neb.
34	Vershan Jackson	TE	6-0	240	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
35	Kris Brown	PK	5-10	205	Jr.	Southlake, Texas
36	Correll Buckhalter	IB	6-2	210	Fr.	Collins, Miss.
36	Demond Finister	RCB	5-10	175	Fr.	Boys Town, Neb.
37	Tony Ortiz	SLB	6-0	215	So.	Waterbury, Conn.
37	Hank Piening	FB	6-2	205	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.
38	Dan Alexander	IB	6-0	250	Fr.	Wentzville, Mo.
39	Ben Buettenback	MLB	5-11	215	So.	Hastings, Neb.
40	Billy Legate	FB	5-11	225	Jr.	Clearwater, Neb.
41	Rod Baker	WLB	6-0	210	Fr.	Hastings, Neb.
41	Sasho Becvarovski	TE	6-4	250	Fr.	Crown Point, Ind.
42	Josh Cobb	FB	5-11	230	Jr.	Wallace, Neb.
43	Russell Froehlich	SLB	6-0	215	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.
44	Jay Foreman	MLB	6-1	235	Jr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
45	Joel Makovicka	FB	5-11	235	Jr.	Brainard, Neb.
46	Brian Shaw	SLB	6-1	215	So.	Deweese, Neb.
47	Josh Kohl	WLB	6-1	220	So.	Hastings, Neb.
49	Quint Hogrefe	SLB	5-11	210	Jr.	Auburn, Neb.
50	Julius Jackson	WLB	6-0	230	So.	Gainesville, Texas
51	Kyle Henson	OG-DS	6-1	290	Sr.	Waverly, Neb.
52	Matt Baldwin	C	6-1	280	So.	Arvada, Colo.
54	Doug Seaman	C	6-1	280	Sr.	Bellevue, Neb.
55	Jason Peter	DT	6-5	285	Sr.	Locust, N.J.
56	Marcus Johnson	OG	6-4	290	So.	Oceanside, Calif.
57	Chad Kelsay	LR	6-3	250	Jr.	Auburn, Neb.
58	Brandon Drum	DT-DS	6-3	275	So.	Columbus, Neb.
59	Josh Heske	C	6-3	280	Jr.	Yukon, Okla.
61	Brandt Wade	OG	6-2	290	Jr.	Springfield, Neb.
62	Matt Hoskinson	OG-C	6-1	280	Sr.	Battle Creek, Neb.
63	James Sherman	OG	6-2	300	So.	LaVerne, Calif.
64	Jon Zatechka	OG	6-2	290	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.
65	Jason Schwab	OT	6-1	300	So.	Eagan, Minn.
67	Aaron Taylor	OG	6-1	305	Sr.	Wichita Falls, Texas
68	Jeff Clausen	OT	6-6	310	So.	Dixon, Ill.
69	Adam Julch	OT	6-5	310	So.	Omaha, Neb.
70	Eric Anderson	OT	6-4	305	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.
71	Mike Van Cleave	OT	6-2	290	Sr.	Huffman, Texas
72	Ben Gessford	OG	6-2	260	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb.
73	Fred Pollack	OT	6-4	305	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
75	Russ Hochstein	OG	6-3	265	Fr.	Hartington, Neb.
78	Aaron Havlovic	C	6-3	270	So.	Osceola, Neb.
79	Ross Tessendorf	DT	6-1	275	Jr.	Columbus, Neb.
80	Billy Haafke	SE	5-11	190	Jr.	South Sioux City, Neb.
82	Sean Applegate	WB	5-9	180	So.	Lincoln, Neb.
82	Curt Lenners	RR	6-3	225	Sr.	Filly, Neb.
83	Craig Fischer	SE	6-0	180	So.	Leigh, Neb.
83	Kyle Vanden Bosch	LR	6-4	235	Fr.	Larchwood, Iowa
84	Mike Rucker	LR	6-6	250	Jr.	St. Joseph, Mo.
85	T.J. DeBates	TE	6-3	235	So.	Stewartville, Minn.
86	Derrick Roy	TE	6-3	240	Jr.	Inglewood, Calif.
88	Sheldon Jackson	TE	6-4	245	Jr.	Diamond Bar, Calif.
89	Jeff Lake	SE	6-4	210	Sr.	Columbus, Neb.
90	Tim Carpenter	TE	6-3	250	Sr.	Columbus, Neb.
91	Loran Kaiser	DT	6-5	255	Fr.	Farwell, Neb.
92	Travis Toline	RR	6-3	245	Jr.	Wahoo, Neb.
93	Brandon Mooberry	LR	6-5	240	Fr.	Lexington, Neb.
95	Derek Allen	DT	6-3	280	So.	Russellville, Ark.
96	Steve Warren	DT	6-1	295	So.	Springfield, Mo.
97	Lonnie Fulton	TE	6-5	250	Fr.	Grand Island, Neb.
98	Grant Wistrom	RR	6-5	255	Sr.	Webb City, Mo.
99	Jason Wiltz	DT	6-3	310	Jr.	New Orleans, La.

boxes that will be installed. The price tag for this array of improvements is \$32 million. Add to that structural repairs to Allen Field House for basketball and work on the baseball field and the cost rises to \$33.7 million.

"One of our major goals in this project is to make the fan experience more comfortable and enjoyable," said Kansas Athletics Director Bob Frederick. "At the same time, we want to demonstrate our commitment to having the best facilities we can make available to attract quality student-athletes."

Heading southwest to the panhandle of Texas and the South Plains, we find Lubbock, Texas, and Texas Tech University. As part of the school's 75th anniversary of its charter, the athletic department has committed about \$96 million in improvements. The majority of that money is going to fund the construction of the \$51 million United Spirit Arena, a 15,000-seat basketball and volleyball arena. However, Jones Stadium will receive its fair share. Plans include a new press box with luxury suites, additional seating, a new facade, additional restrooms and concessions, as well as enlarged locker and meeting room space. New for the 1998 season will be two video screens in the northwest and southeast corners of the stadium and a 10,000-square-foot pavilion at the southwest corner of the stadium that will be used for pregame functions and other events throughout the year.

The Kansas State Wildcats have seen tremendous success on the gridiron in the 1990s. Along with the improvement of the football team, Kansas State's football stadium also has improved. The decade began with Kansas State finishing a almost-complete overhaul of KSU Stadium, including plush locker rooms, a new 6,500-square foot weight room, training rooms, state-of-the-art classrooms and a player lounge. In 1991, new Astroturf was laid down and the field was named Wagner Field. Then, in 1993, Kansas State wrapped up the renovation project with a \$3.3 million, five-level press box that includes sky suites and a \$2.2 million full-length indoor facility. Last year the Wildcats added the \$1 million Academic Learning Center and a 20-by-26 foot JumboTron video screen. Plans are now in the works that would add between 6,000 to 8,000 permanent seats with improvements to infrastructure as well. Additional press box suites and club seat-



Iowa State's Jacobson Athletic Complex (in background) provides the Cyclone football team with an expanded weightroom and additional meeting and office areas. Jack Trice Stadium also was part of the project, receiving a new grass playing surface this summer.

ing areas will be included in the project. The cost of the project will be around \$13 million with an anticipated completion date of fall 1999.

Dave Roberts has taken over in Waco, Texas, and he will have an improved stadium for his Baylor Bears to play their games. Baylor is gearing up for a \$15 million renovation plan that will encompass several areas of the athletic department. Roberts will take his Bears out onto a new field in 1998. Floyd Casey Stadium is set to have its artificial turf replaced by a grass field before the start of next season. Also part of this improvement plan is new facilities for baseball, soccer, softball and tennis, plus a golf practice area.

Iowa State has pledged \$17.7 million in improvements throughout its athletic department. Of that \$17.7 million, \$10.6 million has been allocated for the Jacobson Athletic Complex and the installation of a grass playing surface to replace the artificial turf that is now at Jack Trice Stadium. Another \$6.2 million will be spent at Jack Trice Stadium as skyboxes and a new press box will be constructed. The remaining \$900,000 is set to be used for new Hilton Coliseum basketball offices.

It is easy to see facility upkeep and improvement is a primary concern for all of the institutions in the Big 12. From making the stadium and its surrounding area more appealing to the eye to building academic centers, new weight rooms and locker rooms, the Big 12 schools are realizing how important it is not to fall behind fellow league schools. Now fans of the Big 12 will be able to make use of some of the best sporting facilities in the country and they will be able to view the game like never before. So, go ahead and enjoy yourself because you are now in the zone.





AGGIES, HUSKERS TO DUEL IN DOME

By Bo Carter, Big 12 Service Bureau

Both North Division winner Nebraska, which is the designated home team in today's contest, and South representative Texas A&M have something to prove in the 1997 Dr Pepper Big 12 Football Championship game.

The Huskers, ranked No. 1 nationally for almost the entire 1994 and '95 seasons and proclaimed national champions after both those campaigns, started 1996 as a probable first-ever "three-peater" for the major college mythical football title. Unfortunately, a 19-0 loss in Tempe, Ariz., to an Arizona State team which went 11-0 in the regular season and played in the Rose Bowl, and a 37-27 defeat to Texas in the Dr Pepper Big 12 Football Championship derailed those hopes. The Huskers did return strongly after the Dec. 7 setback to the Longhorns to wallop Virginia Tech, the Big East Conference champion, 41-21 in the FedEx Orange Bowl.

Texas A&M, which just missed a post-season bowl berth after finishing 6-6 in 1996, had a preseason "bowl" of sorts when the Aggies ventured to Brigham Young and lost a 41-37 heartbreaker in the Pigskin Classic at Provo, Utah. Coach R.C. Slocum's crew captured the prerequisite six wins to advance to a possible post-season berth but did not finish higher than .500 to make final qualification. It was just A&M's second time to sit on the sidelines during the bowls in an eight-year period.

And, if there are two more successful teams in the late '80s and early '90s than today's two competitors — which both have a chance to gain a greater measure of glory and to clinch the Big 12's second football crown today — one would be hard-pressed to find them.

After today's clash, Huskers' head coach Dr. Tom Osborne and his team will receive a bowl bid for the 25th consecutive time under the future Hall of Fame mentor and for a school-record 29th year in succession. Osborne breaks the record of 24 consecutive bowl appearances at the same school by the venerable Paul "Bear" Bryant at Alabama from 1959-82 after Bryant headed the Texas A&M football program from 1954-57.

Nebraska also currently owns the nation's longest skein of 38 conference wins. A 19-10 loss at the hands of Jim Walden-coached Iowa State in 1992 at Ames, Iowa, was the last time the Huskers tasted defeat in league play. The Huskers are unbeaten in their last 42 home games, a national "best" from 1991-97.

Texas A&M has been equally incredible for a nine-season stretch under Slocum. The coach became the winningest coach in A&M gridiron history last weekend when he earned his 83rd triumph, one more than Homer Norton (82-53-9 from 1934-47) who, in 1939, guided the Aggies to the first national championship ever by a current Big 12 member. The Aggies are 83-23-2 under the Oakdale, La., native.

The Husker attack is spearheaded by quarterback Scott Frost. Frost has made as many strides as any quarterback in the Big 12 after returning to his home state as a transfer from Stanford prior to the 1995 season. All-America offensive lineman Aaron Taylor joins 1996 consensus All-America choice and Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year Grant Wistrom as two of the most menacing student-athletes on either side of the ball in the circuit. Defensive tackle Jason Peter, a



Photo by James D. Smith

Texas A&M junior Dat Nguyen terrorizes all comers from his linebacker spot.

legitimate All-America candidate, teamed with Wistrom to help Nebraska hold opponents to fewer than 240 yards per game this season, while junior I-back Ahman Green is already second on the Huskers' career rushing charts.

Quarterbacks Brannndon Stewart and Randy McCown have helped to balance the Texas A&M offense with excellent control passing patterns and connections, and were intercepted just two times in their first 228 pass attempts in 1997.

In linebacker Dat Nguyen, Slocum's staff has the prototypical physical and intelligent defender who has scored four touchdowns in his standout career (two pass interception returns, a 24-yard fumble runback and a 55-yard kickoff return on a botched onside kick attempt). "Double Digit Dat" averages more than 10 stops per game and was named a finalist for the Butkus Award.

Texas A&M's kicking game is as good as any to be found. Punter Shane Lechler has been averaging better than 48 yards a kick for most of the year and Aggies' placekicker Kyle Bryant was a semifinalist for the Groza Award.



Photo by James D. Smith

Senior offensive guard Aaron Taylor has cleared many a gaping hole for the Huskers' backs to rush through.

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1997 TEXAS A&M STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

Texas A&M	Opponents
406-36.9	153-13.9
204	185
2452-222.9	1542-140.2
1768-160.7	1603-145.7
4220-383.6	3145-285.9
46.9	41.2
11-159	2-20
27-11	36-18
64-540	93-739
33-170	28-174
39.0 (55-141)	29.2 (50-171)
28:17	31:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing						
Player	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LP
Dante Hall	11	131	968	7.4	9	60
Sirr Parker	11	139	772	5.6	10	80
D'Andre Hardeman	11	89	505	5.7	7	56
Burnest Rhodes	7	19	99	5.2	3	13
Chris Cole	11	2	59	29.5	0	46

Passing						
Player	G	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	Int TD
Brannndon Stewart	11	158	93	1202	58.9	2 9
Randy McCown	9	75	45	565	60.0	0 2

Receiving						
Player	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LP
Derrick Spiller	11	21	347	16.5	3	58
Leroy Hodge	11	21	307	14.6	1	41
Chris Cole	11	21	277	13.2	3	41
Sirr Parker	11	18	194	10.8	0	36

Scoring					
Player	TD	PAT	FG-FGA	2-Pt.	Total
Kyle Bryant	0	48-48	17-21	0	99
Sirr Parker	11	—	—	1	68
Dante Hall	10	—	—	0	60
D'Andre Hardeman	9	—	—	0	54
Three tied with 18					

Punt Returns					
Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LP
Dante Hall	16	182	11.4	1	70

Kickoff Returns					
Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LP
Sirr Parker	4	135	33.8	1	78

Punting				
Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LP
Shane Lechler	49	2298	46.9	70

Total Offense					
Player	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total Avg.
Brannndon Stewart	11	195	-44	1202	1158 105.3
Dante Hall	11	132	968	0	968 88.0

Tackles						
Player	G	UT	AT	Total	Sacks	Int.
Dat Nguyen	11	66	48	114	0	1
Rich Coady	11	51	30	81	0	2
Warrick Holdman	11	47	29	76	5	0
Trent Driver	11	42	30	72	2	0
Brandon Jennings	11	44	28	72	0	2
Phillip Meyers	11	43	25	68	3	0
Sean Coryatt	11	37	24	61	0	0
Brad Crowley	11	29	32	61	6	0



TEXAS A&M ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
46	Cornelius Anthony	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	Missouri City, Texas	56	Toby McCarthy	OL	6-1	260	Fr.	Midland, Texas
22	Eric Bernard	RB	5-10	190	Jr.	Tulsa, Okla.	91	Tango McCauley	DL	6-4	260	Fr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
95	Rocky Bernard	DL	6-3	255	Fr.	Baytown, Texas	15	Randy McCown	QB	6-1	204	So.	Jacksonville, Texas
40	Roylin Bradley	LB	6-2	222	Fr.	LaMarque, Texas	77	Seth McKinney	OL	6-4	280	Fr.	Austin, Texas
24	Jason Bragg	RB	6-1	220	So.	Stephenville, Texas	72	Steve McKinney	OL	6-3	289	Sr.	Houston, Texas
86	Darren Brinkley	WR	6-1	178	Jr.	Belton, Texas	51	Phillip Meyers	LB	6-1	215	Sr.	Galveston, Texas
26	Jay Brooks	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	Killeen, Texas	59	Matt Moore	TE	6-2	216	So.	Anchorage, Alaska
82	RoDerrick Broughton	TE	6-3	240	Fr.	Monroe, La.	55	Terry Nichols	DE	6-3	230	Fr.	El Paso, Texas
29	Quinton Brown	LB	6-2	232	Sr.	Corsicana, Texas	9	Dat Nguyen	LB	6-1	213	Jr.	Rockport, Texas
33	Marc Broyles	RB	5-11	242	Jr.	Tyler, Texas	16	Aaron Oliver	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	Arlington, Texas
49	Joel Bryan	DB	5-10	195	Fr.	Bryan, Texas	8	Sirr Parker	RB	5-11	195	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
3	Kyle Bryant	PK	5-7	162	Sr.	College Station, Texas	36	Ronald Patton	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	Houston, Texas
81	Matt Bumgardner	WR	6-2	196	So.	Luling, Texas	93	Evan Perroni	DL	6-6	245	Fr.	Houston, Texas
37	Russell Bynum	PK	5-11	165	Fr.	LaMarque, Texas	32	Burnest Rhodes	RB	5-11	185	Fr.	Terrell, Texas
89	Daniel Campbell	TE	6-5	253	Jr.	Glen Rose, Texas	41	Harold Robertson	LB	6-3	196	Fr.	Dallas, Texas
48	Rich Coady	DB	6-1	200	Jr.	Dallas, Texas	2	Christian Rodriguez	LB	6-3	223	Fr.	Mesquite, Texas
80	Chris Cole	WR	6-1	178	So.	Orange, Texas	94	Zerick Rollins	DL	6-3	255	Sr.	Houston, Texas
44	Sean Coryatt	LB	6-1	211	So.	Sugar Land, Texas	76	Chris Ruhman	OL	6-5	295	Sr.	Houston, Texas
45	Brad Crowley	DL	6-5	270	Sr.	Corpus Christi, Texas	14	Matt Schobel	QB	6-4	220	Fr.	Columbus, Texas
18	Sedrick Curry	DB	6-3	186	So.	Houston, Texas	52	Amon Simon	LB	6-4	235	Fr.	Houston, Texas
28	Trent Driver	LB	6-3	231	Sr.	Cleveland, Texas	73	Cameron Spikes	OL	6-3	300	Jr.	Bryan, Texas
96	Ron Edwards	DL	6-4	260	Fr.	Houston, Texas	87	Derrick Spiller	TE	6-3	240	Jr.	LaMarque, Texas
99	Ronald Flemons	DE	6-6	235	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas	7	Brannndon Stewart	QB	6-1	214	Jr.	Stephenville, Texas
19	Antoine Gandy	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	Irving, Texas	42	Chris Taylor	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Madisonville, Texas
23	Jason Glenn	DB	6-2	205	Fr.	Houston, Texas	58	Chris Thierry	LB	6-2	226	So.	Baytown, Texas
69	Koby Hackradt	OL	6-4	282	Sr.	Conroe, Texas	53	Rex Tucker	OL	6-5	275	Jr.	Midland, Texas
34	Dante Hall	RB	5-8	180	So.	Houston, Texas	70	Moses Vakalahi	OL	6-5	265	Fr.	Eules, Texas
20	D'Andre Hardeman	RB	5-11	225	Jr.	Houston, Texas	71	Chris Valletta	OL	6-2	300	Fr.	Plano, Texas
4	Thadd Hargett	QB	6-1	190	So.	Crockett, Texas	57	Kevin Vestal	DL	6-3	256	So.	New Braunfels, Texas
97	Marcus Heard	DL	6-3	301	Sr.	San Antonio, Texas	78	Andy Vincent	OL	6-3	290	So.	Sulphur, La.
62	Semisi Heimuli	OL	6-1	295	So.	Eules, Texas	39	Jason Webster	DB	5-10	165	So.	Houston, Texas
88	Leroy Hodge	WR	6-3	207	So.	Rosenberg, Texas	13	Michael Williams	RB	5-10	211	Jr.	Lewisville, Texas
79	Shea Holder	OL	6-6	296	So.	Arlington, Texas	27	Jeff Wilson	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	Temple, Texas
43	Warrick Holdman	LB	6-1	228	Jr.	Alief, Texas	4	Delvin Wright	DB	5-11	170	Fr.	Lancaster, Texas
21	Shun Horn	DB	5-11	188	Jr.	Jasper, Texas	90	Stephen Young	DL	6-1	275	Fr.	Jefferson, Texas
74	Brandon Houston	OL	6-4	280	Jr.	Katy, Texas							
1	Michael Jameson	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	Killeen, Texas							
30	Brandon Jennings	DB	6-2	180	So.	Houston, Texas							
31	Eric Jennings	DB	5-11	190	Jr.	Pomona, Calif.							
25	Michael Jennings	WR	5-10	170	So.	Aurora, Colo.							
47	Bill Johnston	P	6-0	169	Sr.	Palestine, Texas							
5	Toya Jones	DB	6-3	190	Jr.	Refugio, Texas							
92	Mike Kamierski	DL	6-5	246	So.	Bryan, Texas							
17	Terence Kitchens	PK	5-10	155	Fr.	Lumberton, Texas							
6	Shane Lechler	QB-P	6-1	219	So.	East Bernard, Texas							
63	Kyle Lednicki	SNP	6-4	230	Jr.	Houston, Texas							
85	Lonnie Madison	DL	6-4	235	Fr.	The Woodlands, Texas							
84	Matt Mahone	TE	6-4	249	Jr.	Longview, Texas							



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Texas A&M University, home of the newly opened George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, is the third largest institution of higher learning in the nation — with a student body of 42,572. On the basis of full-time undergraduate students, it is the largest. Historically, it ranks among the top five universities in attracting National Merit Scholars.

Teaching and research go hand in hand at Texas A&M as it carries out its commitments as a land-, sea- and space-grant institution — one of a select few universities to hold all three federal mandates. Its investment in research totals more than \$360 million annually, placing it sixth in rankings by the National Science Foundation. The university's research endeavors are complemented by a strong and growing graduate education program.

Texas A&M is one of the nation's best endowed universities, a factor that helps it attract and retain top faculty members and provide state-of-the-art facilities in areas that coincide with its goals and strengths. The university's endowment now exceeds \$2.4 billion, a level that places it among the top 10 nationally.

Texas A&M has earned a national reputation for providing good value in quality of education. *U.S. News & World Report* rates it among the top public universities in the nation, and *Money* magazine also included it on its list of institutions offering the "best buys" in higher education.

The university's 5,200-acre College Station campus, among the largest in the nation, is valued at more than \$1 billion.

Texas A&M offers degrees in more than 150 fields of study at the baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels, in addition to professional degrees in medicine and veterinary medicine.

It ranks among the top public universities in having its students graduate in a timely manner. It ranks 10th nationally among flagship universities in percentage of students graduating within five

years, according to the most recent comparative figures published by *College Board*. It traditionally ranks first among public institutions in Texas in graduation and retention rates — overall and for minorities.

Much of the credit for Texas A&M students' success — academically and in their subsequent careers — goes to the university's 2,400-member faculty. Institutional studies show that a larger-than-average percentage of senior faculty members teach at the undergraduate level. They are particularly well represented in the courses offered through Texas A&M's Honors Program, including its unique Undergraduate Fellows Program.

More than 80 percent of Texas A&M's faculty members hold earned doctoral degrees and many are nationally and internationally recognized for professional accomplishments. For example, two of them have received the Nobel Prize, one is a recipient of the National Medal of Science

and 20 have been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Science or National Academy of Engineering.

Texas A&M was the first public college founded in Texas, opening on Oct. 4, 1876. Originally, it was an all-male military institution, but it is now fully coeducational and participation in its Corps of Cadets is voluntary. The 2,250-member Corps is among the largest uniformed student bodies outside the service academies and offers commissions in all branches of the armed forces. It includes the nation's largest military marching band.

Texas A&M is rich in tradition. Its diverse and inclusive student body is widely known as the Twelfth Man, a tradition that had its origin as a show of support for the football team but is symbolic of the spirit and camaraderie of Aggies generally, including the 200,000 members of its alumni organization, the Association of Former Students.



Texas A&M is the oldest public institution of higher learning in the state of Texas.



TEXAS A&M COACH R.C. SLOCUM

Texas A&M football coach R.C. Slocum is putting the final touches on his 25th season, the longest tenure of any football coach in A&M history. Slocum served 16 years as an assistant at Texas A&M before being named the head coach prior to the 1989 season.

In his ninth season as the Aggie head coach, Slocum has posted an overall mark of 83-23-2 and his winning percentage of .777 ranks as the fourth-best among active head coaches. In addition to his longevity and loyalty to Texas A&M, Slocum is A&M's all-time winningest coach. When the Aggies beat Texas last Friday 27-16 it was Slocum's 83rd win, moving him past the legendary Homer Norton, who won 82 games in 14 seasons in Aggieland.

As Texas A&M closed out the Southwest Conference football era, Slocum's SWC winning percentage of .865 (44-6-2) established him as the winningest coach in league history, bettering the .797 percentage (109-27-2) set by the legendary Darrell Royal of Texas. Between 1991 and 1995, the Aggies won a record 28 consecutive league games.

Texas A&M has finished the season ranked among the nation's top 20 by the Associated Press in seven of the past eight seasons and four of the last five years A&M has finished in the top 10.

During the 1990s, the Aggies have averaged nearly 10 wins per season and rank as the seventh winningest team in Division I-A. Under Slocum's guidance, the Aggies have established Kyle Field as one of the toughest places to play with an overall record of 48-5-1 (.898).

His squads are noted for an aggressive style of play and even in games where the score ended in favor of the opponents, the games have been close. Of Slocum's 23 losses, 13 have been by seven points or less and all but three have been to teams ranked in the top 25 during that season.

In their two seasons in the Big 12, the Aggies have experienced mixed results. This year's team rolled to a 9-2 record en route to the Big 12's South Division title. In 1996, the Aggies were one of the youngest teams in the Big 12 Conference and finished with a 6-6 record.

Texas A&M finished the 1995 season

with a 22-20 win over Michigan in the Alamo Bowl to end the year with a 9-3 record and finished No. 15 in both college football polls. Each of the three losses were to teams ranked in the top 25.

Perhaps Slocum's greatest coaching accomplishment came in the 1994 season. Despite no television and no bowl opportunities, the team reflected the calm and steady influence of its head coach and went about the business of winning football games. Slocum led A&M to a 10-0-1 record, the first unbeaten season in school history since Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's 1956 Aggie squad went 9-0-1. A&M ended the year ranked No. 8 in the Associated Press poll and Slocum was named SWC Coach of the Year by several publications marking the fourth straight year for him to be so honored.

The 1993 squad put together a perfect Southwest Conference season with a 7-0 league mark, becoming the first SWC school to fashion three straight perfect seasons. Before an overflow crowd and a national television audience on Thanksgiving, the Aggies defeated Texas, 18-9, to win their 22nd straight league game. It was the 100th meeting between the two schools and the victory clinched a third

straight trip to Dallas and the Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic.

A&M continued to attack the record books in 1992 as the team finished the regular season with a perfect 12-0 record. The Aggies became only the fifth NCAA team since 1935 to win 12 regular-season games and the 12 wins set a school record. The Aggies won the SWC title by a three-game margin, marking the second straight year to accomplish that feat. Slocum was a finalist for the National Coach of the Year and was named SWC Coach of the Year.

In 1991, the Aggies opened SWC play with a 37-14 victory over Texas Tech in Lubbock, marched through the conference with a perfect 8-0 record and won the league title by three games over their closest competitor. Slocum was named the SWC Coach of the Year. The eight SWC wins in a single season set a school record and Slocum joined coaching greats Paul "Bear" Bryant, Homer Norton and D.X. Bible as the only Aggie coaches to lead a team through an undefeated league season. Bryant, Norton and Bible are all members of the College Football Hall of Fame.

In Slocum's second season as a head coach, the Aggies finished with a 9-3-1 record and set a bowl record for points scored in a 65-14 Sea World Holiday Bowl victory over BYU.

In 1989, A&M finished with an 8-4 record and played in the John Hancock Bowl. The eight wins tied Slocum with Bible for the most wins by an Aggie head coach in his first season.

Slocum served 19 years as a collegiate assistant coach in three major conferences. He served two years at Kansas State in the Big Eight, one year at USC in the Pac-10 and 16 years at Texas A&M in the SWC.

His first stop was at Kansas State as he served as offensive line coach for the freshman team in 1970 and was the freshman team head coach in 1971.

In 1972, he came back home to Texas and sat outside the office of newly appointed head coach Emory Bellard and waited patiently for an interview. Slocum was hired as an offensive assistant coach.

In 1973, he made the switch to the defensive side of the ball and the aggressive Aggie style would become the norm. The



R.C. Slocum became Texas A&M's all-time winningest coach last weekend when the Aggies beat Texas 27-16.

Photo by James D. Smith



1974 defense finished as the nation's No. 2 ranked unit and followed with the 1975 defense earning top honors. The 1976 group was rated No. 3 in the country.

During the summer months, he spent time with professional football coaching linebackers with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League.

Slocum was promoted to defensive coordinator for the 1979 and '80 seasons before heading west to USC to serve as John Robinson's defensive coordinator with the Trojans in 1981. Slocum led that defensive unit to the top spot in the Pac-10 as the Trojans went on to play in the Fiesta Bowl.

Having been raised in Texas, Slocum jumped at the opportunity to return to Texas A&M in 1982 as defensive coordinator. In 1985, he would be promoted to assistant head coach and that year would mark the beginning of three straight championship seasons and Cotton Bowl appearances as well as witnessing the birth of the "Wrecking Crew" defenses.

That 1985 defense was rated No. 1 in the SWC and No. 8 in the NCAA. The 1986 squad was No. 2 in the SWC and No. 4 in the country. The 1987 defense was again No. 1 in the SWC and No. 7 in

SLOCUM'S COLLEGIATE COACHING RECORD							
Year	School	W-L-T	Bowl	Year	School	W-L-T	Bowl
1989	Texas A&M	8-4-0	Hancock	1994	Texas A&M	10-0-1	
1990	Texas A&M	9-3-1	Holiday	1995	Texas A&M	9-3-0	Alamo
1991	Texas A&M	10-2-0	Cotton	1996	Texas A&M	6-6	
1992	Texas A&M	12-1-0	Cotton	1997	Texas A&M	9-2	
1993	Texas A&M	10-2-0	Cotton	Total		83-23-2	9 Years

the land. That 1987 team closed with a 35-10 win over Notre Dame in the 1988 Cotton Bowl, and later that year (Dec. 12) Slocum would be named the head coach at Texas A&M.

Slocum was born Nov. 7, 1944, in Oakdale, La., and at the age of one, he and his family moved to Texas. He learned the meaning of hard work in the town of Orange, from selling newspapers to shining shoes, to working in the refineries in the Golden Triangle. He played football at Stark High School in Orange, earning all-district honors on a state semifinalist team in '63. From Orange, he went to McNeese State University and played football.

At McNeese State, Slocum was voted the team's most valuable lineman in 1967 as a tight end. He also played on defense. He earned his undergraduate degree in

1967 and finished his master's work in education administration and supervision in 1968. He was also a member of the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity.

Upon leaving McNeese State, Slocum stayed in Lake Charles, La., to begin his coaching career. He served as the defensive coordinator at Lake Charles High School in 1968-69 before moving on to the college ranks.

Slocum is a man who makes a good impression on all people with his straight forward approach based on the Golden Rule, "Treat others as you want to be treated."

Slocum has two sons, Shawn and John Harvey. Shawn is an assistant coach on the Texas A&M staff and is married to the former Traci Sears. They have two daughters, Tayler, 4, and Jordyn, 2. John Harvey is a student at Texas A&M.

TEXAS A&M ASSISTANT COACHES



Mike Hankwitz
Def. Coordinator/ILBs



Steve Marshall
Off. Coordinator/Off. Line



Ray Dorr
Quarterbacks



Tam Hollingshead
Tight Ends



Bill Johnson
Defensive Line



Steve Kragthorpe
Wide Receivers



Ken Rucker
Running Backs



Larry Slade
Defensive Backs



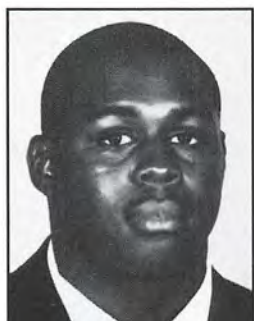
Shawn Slocum
Outside Linebackers



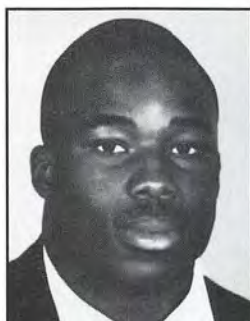
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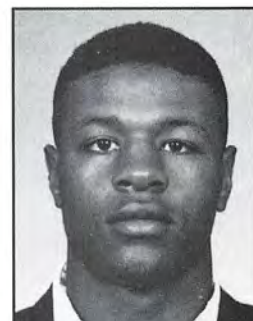
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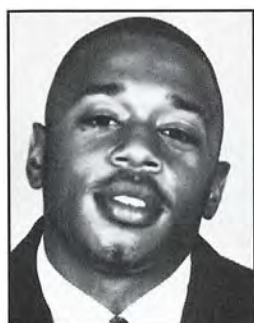
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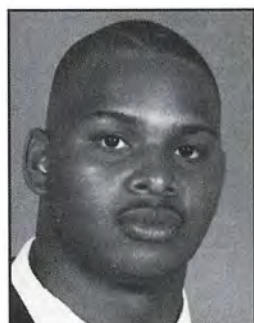
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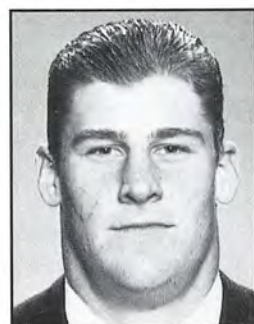
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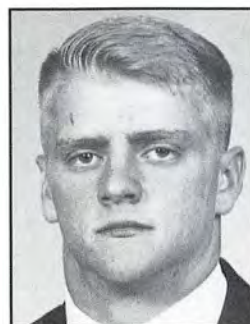
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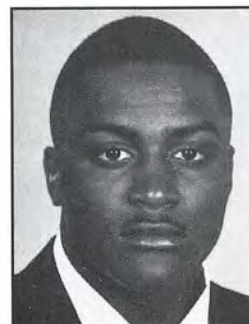
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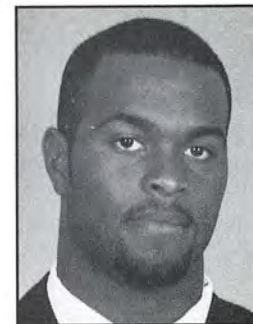
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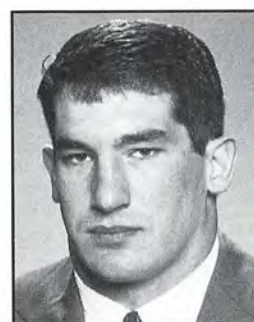
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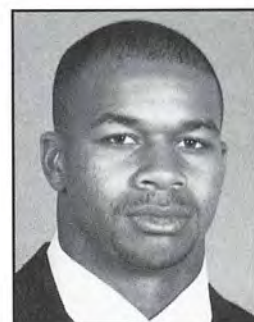
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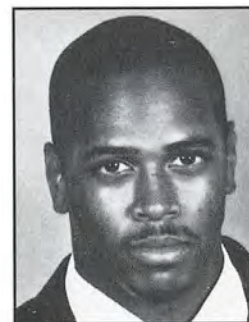
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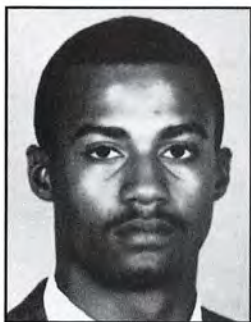
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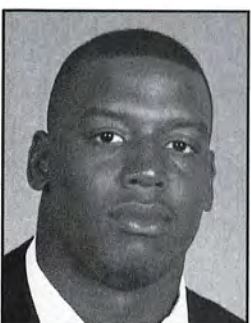
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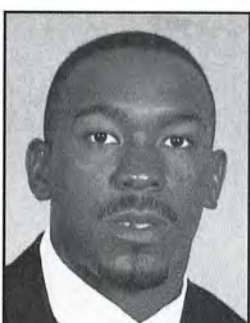
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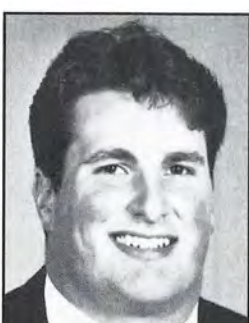
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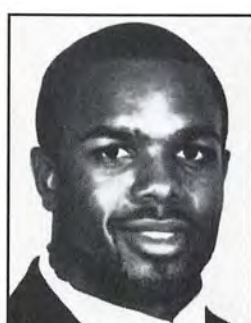
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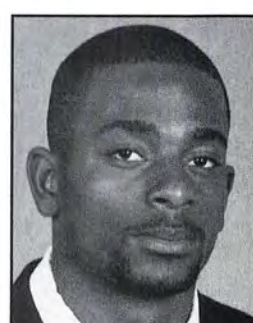
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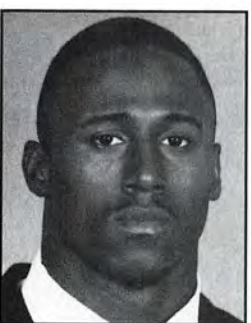
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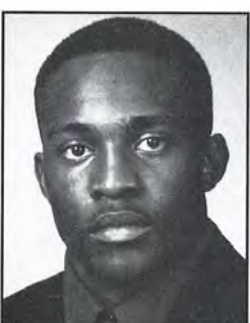
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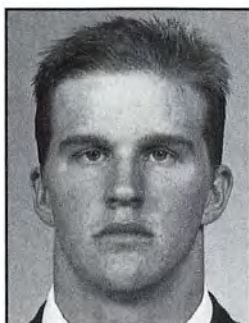
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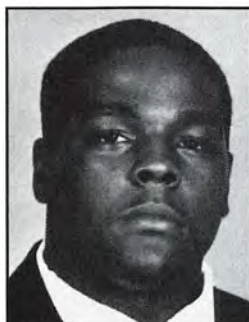
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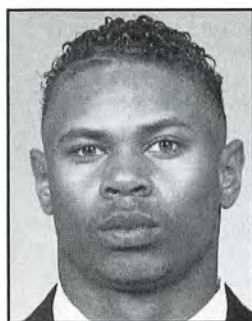
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Defensive End



9 Dat Nguyen
Linebacker



16 Aaron Oliver
Wide Receiver



8 Sirr Parker
Running Back



36 Ronald Patton
Defensive Back



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32 Burnest Rhodes
Running Back



41 Harold Robertson
Linebacker



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2 Christian Rodriguez
Linebacker



94 Zerick Rollins
Defensive Lineman



76 Chris Ruhman
Offensive Lineman



14 Matt Schobel
Quarterback



52 Amon Simon
Linebacker



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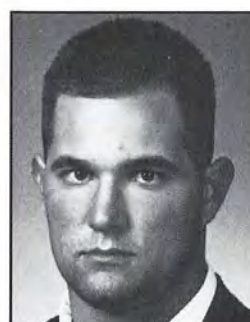
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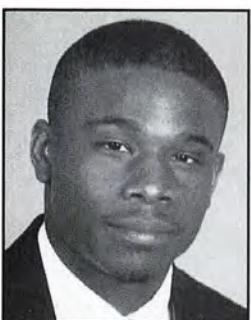
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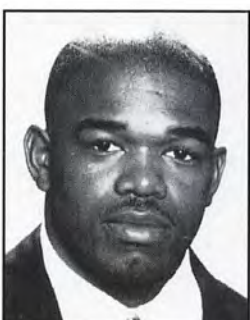
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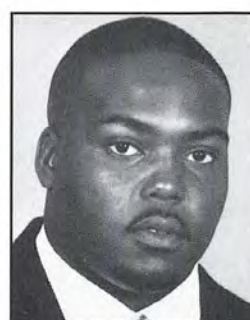
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4 Delvin Wright
Defensive Back



90 Stephen Young
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TEXAS A&M SEASON RECAP

1 Texas A&M 59 Sam Houston State 6

September 6 at College Station, TX

Texas A&M head coach R.C. Slocum improved his record in home openers to a perfect 9-0 as the Aggies defeated Sam Houston State, 59-6, before 58,619 fans at Kyle Field. The Bearcats took the lead with an opening drive of 67 yards in 17 plays but had to settle for a field goal as the Aggie defense held near the goal line. Texas A&M went ahead for good on a two-yard run by Sirr Parker and kick by Kyle Bryant. Sam Houston State added another field goal to cut the lead to 7-6 before the A&M offense unloaded with 52 consecutive points. Dante Hall crossed the goal line with on the first of his two touchdown runs and Bryant added a 50-yard field goal to make it 17-6 at the half. The second stanza was all Aggies, as Hall and D'Andre Hardeman each scored rushing TDs and Parker added two in the third quarter. Burnest Rhodes and Michael Williams picked up the final A&M scores on respective four- and nine-yard runs. The Texas A&M defense was also tough, as Sam Houston State only mustered 238 yards of offense on the day compared to the Aggies' 567 yards of offense. The Aggie ground attack was led by Hall with 169 rushing yards on just 11 carries and the team totalled 309 yards on the ground. Quarterbacks Brannndon Stewart and Randy McCown split time with both players posting near identical numbers. About the only Aggie who didn't get into the act was punter Shane Lechler who only punted one time during the day.

2 Texas A&M 66 Southwestern Louisiana 0

September 20 at College Station, TX

The Wrecking Crew posted a shutout and the Aggie offense rolled as Texas A&M recorded a 66-0 knockout of Southwestern Louisiana before 54,603 at Kyle Field. The Ragin' Cajuns were limited to 245 yards of total offense, including 59 rushing yards on 42 carries against the



Photo by James D. Smith

Running back Dante Hall has had a refreshing 1997 campaign as he led the Aggies in rushing yardage as a sophomore.

tough Aggie defense, which did not allow a touchdown for the second consecutive contest. The defense recovered six fumbles and contributed the game's final touchdown, a 19-yard fumble return by Sean Coryatt in the fourth quarter. Texas A&M would start its offensive onslaught early, as it jumped out to a 45-0 lead by halftime. In that explosive first half, five different Aggies struck paydirt, highlighted by Dante Hall's 70-yard punt return and two touchdown passes by Brannndon Stewart. The 45-point output is the largest half in Texas A&M history in the modern era (post 1950). Coach Slocum emptied the bench in the second half which facilitated nine Aggie receivers catching passes and nine Aggie players making at least one rushing attempt to spread the offensive output throughout the squad. Stewart, the starting signalcaller, ran for a pair of scores in the first three quarters to go with his two touchdown passes. Randy McCown came on and completed eight-of-nine aerials for 76 yards and one scoring strike as the Aggies' totalled 182 passing yards.

3 Texas A&M 36 North Texas 10

September 27 at Irving, TX

The Aggies went on the road for the first time in 1997 and came away with a 36-10 victory over the North Texas Mean Green before 42,224 at Irving's Texas Stadium. The game was tight early, as Texas A&M scored the first 10 points before the Mean Green countered with a touchdown and field goal of their own to knot the game at the half, 10-10. The A&M defense put the clamps on in the second half, while R.C. Slocum's offense was just getting revved up. Two minutes into the third quarter D'Andre Hardeman put Texas A&M ahead for good with a two-yard scoring run. Kyle Bryant connected on his second and third field goals of the game, the latter a 51-yarder, to up the Aggie advantage to 23-10 before they added two two late touchdowns to close the scoring. The Aggie offense went over the 400-yard mark again with 336 coming on the



ground as both Dante Hall and Sirr Parker rushed for more than 100 yards. Hall led the way with 156 and Parker was close behind with a career-high 124. Bryant hit three of his four field goal attempts to continue his hot streak. Jeff Wilson delivered a special teams big hit when he caused a fumble by the North Texas punt returner to set up the go-ahead touchdown in the third quarter. The Wrecking Crew held North Texas to 78 yards on the ground and allowed 151 yards in the air to help the Aggies improve to 3-0 on the year.

4 Texas A&M 16 Colorado 10

October 4 at Boulder, CO

Dat Nguyen and the Wrecking Crew came up with a big fourth-down stop at the Colorado goal line in the second quarter and the Aggies posted a 16-10 victory over the 16th-ranked Buffaloes before 50,877 at Folsom Field in Boulder, Colo. The home-standing Buffaloes struck first on a 22-yard Jeremy Aldrich field goal and held a 3-0 lead after the first quarter. Kyle Bryant split the uprights from 30 and 31 yards out to give A&M a 6-3 lead at the half. Aggie linebacker Philip Meyers picked up a Herchell Troutman fumble on Colorado's first possession of the third quarter and returned it to the eight-yard line. That set up Sirr Parker's one-yard scoring plunge which gave A&M a 13-3 cushion. The defense continued to come up big for the Aggies the rest of the way, despite Colorado countering a Bryant field goal with a touchdown early in the fourth to cut the lead to 16-10. Texas A&M safety Rich Coady intercepted John Hessler's pass at the Aggie 16-yard line with less than three minutes remaining to seal the Aggie win. Texas A&M's offensive front controlled the line of scrimmage, clearing the way for the Aggies to run for 260 yards. Dante Hall's 123 rushing yards led the way and Parker would add 89 behind the veteran offensive line of Steve McKinney, Chris Ruhman, Koby Hackradt, Semi-si Heimuli and Cameron Spikes. The Wrecking Crew held Colorado to 299 net yards including only 105 on the ground. Punter Shane Lechler had an exceptional day, kicking four times for an average of 52.3 yards. The most impressive was a 70-

yarder which went out of bounds inside the Colorado 20-yard line.

5 Texas A&M 56 Iowa State 17

October 11 at College Station, TX

Sirr Parker won the AT&T Long Distance Award for his 80-yard touchdown run from scrimmage to lead the Aggies to a 56-17 victory over the Iowa State Cyclones before 58,159 at Kyle Field. A&M jumped out to a 21-3 first quarter lead and went into the dressing room at halftime with a 42-10 lead. The offense rolled up 494 yards of total offense with a pretty good balance — 268 yards on the ground and 226 through the air. Quarterback Randy McCown completed 11-of-14 passes for 141 yards to lead the Aggie offense. Meanwhile, Slocum's defensive unit was limiting the Cyclones to 80 yards rushing and 227 passing. Linebacker Dat Nguyen picked off a pass and took it 32 yards for a touchdown, the third of his career, and Parker also returned a kickoff 78 yards for a touchdown.

6 Kansas State 36 Texas A&M 17

October 18 at Manhattan, KS

On a blustery afternoon in Kansas, a pair of top 20 teams got together in a crucial mid-season tilt. The Wildcats took control of the contest early and went on to knock Texas A&M from the ranks of the unbeaten by a 36-17 count. Kansas State won the toss, took the wind and still played most of the first quarter on the Aggies' side of the field. Kansas State drew first blood as Wildcat signalcaller Michael Bishop took it in from 12 yards out before 43,601 fans at Wagner Field in Manhattan, KS. Martin Gramatica then hit three consecutive field goals and the Wildcats seemed in com-

mand with a 16-0 lead. Texas A&M got its lone first half points on a Kyle Bryant field goal. The Aggies cut the gap to 16-10 as Ronald Patton blocked a Kansas State punt early in the third quarter which Michael Williams scooped up and carried 27 yards for a touchdown. The teams traded touchdowns before the Wildcats tacked on two fourth quarter scores to assure the victory. The Aggie offense could only muster 90 yards of total offense and a season-low minus 35 yards rushing as the Wildcat defense sacked Aggie ball carriers for 47 yards in losses. Texas A&M lost its leading rusher, Dante Hall, on the first play of the game to injury and then lost offensive tackle Chris Ruhman later in the first quarter. Aggie linebacker Dat Nguyen recorded a career-high 20 tackles as Kansas State controlled the clock for 41 minutes and 80 snaps.

7 Texas Tech 16 Texas A&M 13

October 25 at Lubbock, TX

The Aggies traveled out to West Texas to face Texas Tech on a wind swept Saturday afternoon and the two defenses set the tone for the contest. The teams traded field goals early and the game was deadlocked at three as the first quarter closed. Following an A&M fumble deep in its own territory which Tech recovered, crafty



Shane Lechler, who averaged 46.9 yards per punt this season, helped the Aggies kick some tail in the Big 12 South.

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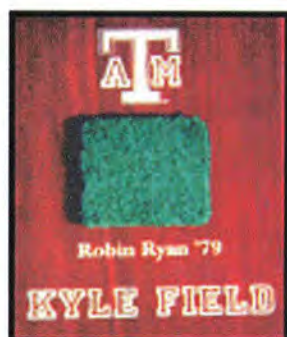
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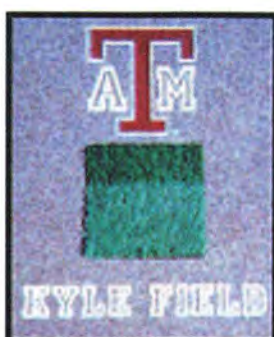


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Tech quarterback Zebbie Lethridge found the end zone on an eight-yard run. A&M countered with another field goal to cut the Red Raider edge to 10-6 at the half. A solid Aggie goal-line stand late in the third quarter limited Texas Tech to a field goal and the Red Raiders led 13-6 as the fourth quarter started. A&M mounted a nine-play, 89-yard drive which culminated on a 24-yard touchdown pass from Brannon Stewart to Leroy Hodge to tie the game. That set the stage for the Red Raiders final drive and the last-second heroics of kicker Tony Rogers. Tech had moved 51 yards to the A&M 30 with less than 25 seconds remaining when Rogers came in to attempt the game-winner from 47 yards away. The senior's kick hit the right upright and went through the goal posts to set off a celebration among the 50,513 fans at Jones Stadium in Lubbock. In the game, Aggie linebacker Dat Nguyen injured his knee on the first series, but continued to play throughout the contest and tallied 13 tackles to help the Aggies hold the Red Raiders to 215 yards of total offense. A&M wasn't much better, as it could come up with only 284 yards of total offense, led by running backs Sirr Parker's 122 all-purpose yards and D'Andre Hardeman's 103 rushing yards.

8 Texas A&M 28 Oklahoma State 25 (OT)

November 1 at College Station, TX

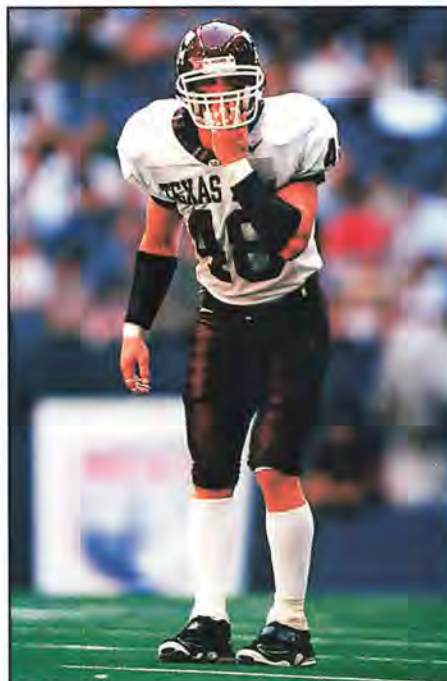
There was also plenty of excitement and late-game drama when Oklahoma State came to College Station in what turned out to be the Big 12 South Division championship game. With 5:30 left in the game, Texas A&M trailed the Cowboys, 22-7. Aggie quarterback Brannon Stewart rallied the troops with a pair of scores to force overtime. The Aggies got the first following a pass-oriented drive that was capped by a two-yard Dante Hall touchdown run. After the A&M defense stopped the Cowboys, Stewart was back at it. His 25-yard touchdown toss to Chris Cole with 43 seconds left cut the OSU lead to 25-23. Stewart came up big again, as he hit Sirr Parker for the game-tying two-point conversion. In the first overtime period, the Wrecking Crew held the Cowboys on three downs and forced a field

goal. It took A&M only three plays — the final being D'Andre Hardeman's six-yard touchdown run — to find the end zone and pull off the improbable 28-25 win before 60,776 at Kyle Field and a national television audience. The overtime game was the first for a Texas A&M team.

9 Texas A&M 38 Baylor 10

November 8 at College Station, TX

Texas A&M quarterback Brannon Stewart continued his hot hand with a season-high 231 yards of passing to help lead the Aggies to a 38-10 win over the Baylor Bears before a then-season-high 64,006 fans at Kyle Field. The Aggie offense scored on its first three possessions and rolled up 494 yards of total offense. Nine different players caught passes and Stewart finished with three touchdown passes. The Aggie rushing attack averaged 6.7 yards per carry led by Dante Hall's 96 rushing yards. Placekicker Kyle Bryant surpassed Aggie legend Tony Franklin on the all-time scoring list as Bryant kicked a 31-yard field goal and had five PATs to run his career total to 298 points. (Franklin had 291 points in his stellar career.)



Junior defensive back Rich Coady is one of the main reasons the 1997 edition of the Wrecking Crew has been so successful.

10 Texas A&M 51 Oklahoma 7

November 15 at Norman, OK

The Aggies knew all they had to do was take care of business in their final two games and the Big 12's South Division championship would be theirs. What they didn't count on when they played at Oklahoma was earning the title that day. Before R.C. Slocum's team took the field that Saturday night, Texas Tech had upset Oklahoma State 27-3, meaning if the Aggies won, they qualified for the Big 12 championship game. And it didn't take long for that to become reality as Texas A&M took control immediately. Oklahoma held the Aggies to a field goal on their first drive before the roof caved in. The Sooners fumbled on their second play from scrimmage and A&M recovered at the four-yard line. D'Andre Hardeman plunged in from one yard out to make it 10-0. On OU's next drive, the Aggies jarred the ball loose and linebacker Dat Nguyen caught it in the air and cruised 25 yards for another A&M score. The Aggies added 17 more points in both the second and third quarters to take a 51-0 lead before the Sooners added a fourth-quarter touchdown.

11 Texas A&M 27 Texas 16

November 28 at College Station, TX

The Aggies wound up the 1997 regular season with a rain-swept 27-16 win over arch-rival Texas at Kyle Field before 75,349 partisans. Texas A&M presented Slocum with his school-record 83rd victory to make him the Aggies' all-time winningest coach. A&M's D'Andre Hardeman's close-to-goal running set up a pair of late Kyle Bryant field goals to help the Aggies pull away from Texas, which had rallied from a 21-6 deficit to cut the A&M lead to five points early in the fourth quarter. Longhorn Ricky Williams put an exclamation point on his national rushing title (1,893 net yards to set a single-season school record) with 183 infantry yards and he scored both of Texas' touchdowns. But it wasn't enough to overcome a season-best 121-yard rushing day by Hardeman and Sirr Parker's two-touchdown performance.

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STARTING LINEUPS

When Texas A&M Has the Ball

Aggie Offense

16	Aaron Oliver	SE
76	Chris Ruhman	LT
72	Steve McKinney	LG
69	Koby Hackradt	C
62	Semisi Heimuli	RG
73	Cameron Spikes	RT
87	Derrick Spiller or 89 Daniel Campbell	TE
88	Leroy Hodge	FL
7	Brandon Stewart	QB
33	Marc Broyles	FB
8	Sirr Parker or 34 Dante Hall	TB
3	Kyle Bryant	PK

Husker Defense

57	Chad Kelsay	LR
99	Jason Wiltz	DT
55	Jason Peter	DT
98	Grant Wistrom	RR
37	Tony Ortiz	SLB
44	Jay Foreman	MLB
4	Octavious McFarlin	WLB
16	Erwin Swiney	LCB
3	Eric Warfield	FS
21	Mike Brown	ROV
22	Ralph Brown	RCB
19	Jesse Kosch	P

Texas A&M Numerical Roster

1	Michael Jameson	DB	17	Terence Kitchens	PK	31	Eric Jennings	DB	47	Bill Johnston	P	72	Steve McKinney	OL	88	Leroy Hodge	WR
2	Christian Rodriguez	LB	18	Sedrick Curry	DB	32	Burnest Rhodes	RB	48	Rich Coady	DB	73	Cameron Spikes	OL	89	Daniel Campbell	TE
3	Kyle Bryant	PK	19	Antoine Gandy	WR	33	Marc Broyles	RB	49	Joel Bryan	DB	74	Brandon Houston	OL	90	Stephen Young	DL
4	Thadd Hargett	QB	20	D'Andre Hardeman	RB	34	Dante Hall	RB	51	Phillip Meyers	LB	76	Chris Ruhman	OL	91	Tango McCauley	DL
4	Delvin Wright	DB	21	Shun Horn	DB	36	Ronald Patton	DB	52	Amon Simon	LB	77	Seth McKinney	OL	92	Mike Kamierski	DL
5	Toya Jones	DB	22	Eric Bernard	RB	37	Russell Bynum	PK	53	Rex Tucker	OL	78	Andy Vincent	OL	93	Evan Perroni	DL
6	Shane Lechler	QB-P	23	Jason Glenn	DB	39	Jason Webster	DB	55	Terry Nichols	DE	79	Shea Holder	OL	94	Zerick Rollins	DL
7	Brandon Stewart	QB	24	Jason Bragg	RB	40	Roylin Bradley	LB	56	Toby McCarthy	OL	80	Chris Cole	WR	95	Rocky Bernard	DL
8	Sirr Parker	RB	25	Michael Jennings	WR	41	Harold Robertson	LB	57	Kevin Vestal	DL	81	Matt Bumgardner	WR	96	Ron Edwards	DL
9	Dat Nguyen	LB	26	Jay Brooks	DB	42	Chris Taylor	WR	58	Chris Thierry	LB	82	RoDerrick Broughton	TE	97	Marcus Heard	DL
13	Michael Williams	RB	27	Jeff Wilson	DB	43	Warrick Holdman	LB	59	Matt Moore	TE	84	Matt Mahone	TE	99	Ronald Flemmons	DE
14	Matt Schobel	QB	28	Trent Driver	LB	44	Sean Coryatt	LB	62	Semisi Heimuli	OL	85	Lonnie Madison	DL			
15	Randy McCown	QB	29	Quinton Brown	LB	45	Brad Crowley	DL	63	Kyle Lednicki	SNP	86	Darren Brinkley	WR			
16	Aaron Oliver	WR	30	Brandon Jennings	DB	46	Cornelius Anthony	LB	69	Koby Hackradt	OL	87	Derrick Spiller	TE			

When Nebraska Has the Ball

Husker Offense

89	Jeff Lake or 6 Kenny Cheatham	SE
73	Fred Pollack	LT
67	Aaron Taylor	LG
59	Josh Heskew	C
64	Jon Zatechka	RG
70	Eric Anderson	RT
90	Tim Carpenter	TE
7	Scott Frost	QB
45	Joel Makovicka	FB
30	Ahman Green	IB
14	Lance Brown	WB
35	Kris Brown	PK

Aggie Defense

94	Zerick Rollins	LE
97	Marcus Heard	NG
45	Brad Crowley	RE
43	Warrick Holdman	OLB
28	Trent Driver or 44 Sean Coryatt	ILB
9	Dat Nguyen	ILB
51	Phillip Meyers	OLB
39	Jason Webster	CB
30	Brandon Jennings	FS
48	Rich Coady	SS
21	Shun Horn	CB
6	Shane Lechler	P

Nebraska Numerical Roster

1	Eric Johnson	WLB	14	Lance Brown	WB	31	Jay Sims	IB	46	Brian Shaw	SLB	67	Aaron Taylor	OG	86	Dorrick Roy	TE
1	Frankie London	QB	15	Willie Miller	FB	32	Eric Walther	FS	47	Josh Kohl	WLB	68	Jeff Clausen	OT	88	Sheldon Jackson	TE
2	Brandon Harrison	LCB	16	Jay Runty	QB	34	Vershan Jackson	TE	49	Quint Hogrefe	SLB	69	Adam Julch	OT	89	Jeff Lake	SE
3	Matt Davison	SE	16	Erwin Swiney	LCB	35	Kris Brown	PK	50	Julius Jackson	WLB	70	Eric Anderson	OT	90	Tim Carpenter	TE
3	Eric Warfield	FS	17	Dan Hadenfeldt	PK	36	Correll Buckhalter	IB	51	Kyle Henson	OG-DS	71	Mike Van Cleave	OT	91	Loran Kaiser	DT
4	Octavious McFarlin	WLB	18	Jay Gates	RCB	36	Demond Finister	RCB	52	Matt Baldwin	C	72	Ben Gessford	OG	92	Travis Toline	RR
5	Shewin Wiggins	WB	19	Jesse Kosch	P	37	Tony Ortiz	SLB	54	Doug Seaman	C	73	Fred Pollack	OT	93	Brandon Mooberry	LR
6	Kenny Cheatham	SE	20	Clint Finley	FS	37	Hank Piening	FB	55	Jason Peter	DT	75	Russ Hochstein	OG	95	Derek Allen	DT
7	Scott Frost	QB	21	Mike Brown	ROV	38	Dan Alexander	IB	56	Marcus Johnson	OG	78	Aaron Haylovic	C	96	Steve Warren	DT
8	Brian Motro	P	22	Ralph Brown II	RCB	39	Ben Buettenback	MLB	57	Chad Kelsay	LR	79	Ross Tessenford	DT	97	Lonnie Fulton	TE
9	Monte Christo	QB	22	Ben Kingston	FB	40	Billy Legate	FB	58	Brandon Drum	DT-DS	80	Billy Haafke	SE	98	Grant Wistrom	RR
9	Khari Reynolds	RCB	23	Bill Lafleur	P	41	Rod Baker	WLB	59	Josh Heskew	C	82	Sean Applegate	WB	99	Jason Wiltz	DT
10	Brandon Quinti	ROV	24	Jason Benes	ROV	41	Sasho Becvarovski	TE	61	Brandt Wade	OG	82	Curt Lenners	RR			
11	Jerome Peterson	LCB	25	Joe Walker	LCB	42	Josh Cobb	FB	62	Matt Hoskinson	OG-C	83	Craig Fischer	SE			
12	Bobby Newcombe	WB	28	Josh Anderson	LCB	43	Russell Froehlich	SLB	63	James Sherman	OG	83	Kyle Vanden Bosch	LR			
13	Carlos Polk	MLB	29	Oregg List	ROV	44	Jay Foreman	MLB	64	Jon Zatechka	OG	84	Mike Rucker	LR			
13	Ted Retzlaff	PK	30	Ahman Green	IB	45	Joel Makovicka	FB	65	Jason Schwab	OT	85	T.J. DeBates	TE			



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1997 NEBRASKA STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

Nebraska	Opponents
511-46.5	182-16.5
229	143
4376-397.8	868-78.9
1252-113.8	1943-176.6
5628-511.6	2811-255.5
37.3	40.2
10-122	4-54
31-13	25-12
53-460	75-571
37-270	4-33
53.1 (85-160)	25.5 (38-149)
32:35	27:25
Points Scored-Avg.	
First Downs	
Yards Rushing-Avg.	
Yards Passing-Avg.	
Total Offense-Avg.	
Punting Average	
Interceptions-Return Yards	
Fumbles-Lost	
Penalties-Yards	
QB Sacks By-Yards	
Third Down Conversion Pct.	
Average Time of Possession	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing							Punt Returns						
Player	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LP	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LP	
Ahman Green	11	244	1698	7.0	19	64	Shevin Wiggins	19	220	11.6	0	39	
Scott Frost	11	161	1016	6.3	17	34	Bobby Newcombe	10	189	18.9	1	57	
Joel Makovicka	11	98	668	6.8	9	43	Kickoff Returns						
Correll Buckhalter	11	54	311	5.8	6	25	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LP	
Frankie London	9	40	186	4.7	2	51	Joe Walker	15	389	25.9	0	51	
Passing								Punting					
Player	G	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	Int	TD	Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LP	
Scott Frost	11	141	76	1036	53.9	4	5	Jesse Kosch	28	1100	39.3	60	
Frankie London	9	22	10	201	45.5	0	0	Total Offense					
Receiving							Player	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Player	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LP	Scott Frost	11	302	1016	1036	2052	186.5
Kenny Cheatham	9	14	191	13.6	0	31	Ahman Green	11	244	1698	0	1698	153.5
Lance Brown	11	11	199	18.1	0	35	Tackles						
Sheldon Jackson	11	11	189	17.2	2	37	Player	G	UT	AT	Total	Sacks	Int.
Ahman Green	11	11	89	8.9	0	39	Mike Brown	11	31	34	65	0	1
Scoring							Jason Peter	11	18	35	53	5	0
Player	TD	PAT	FG-FGA	2-Pt.	Total	Jay Foreman	11	13	35	48	1	0	
Ahman Green	19	—	—	0	114	Octavious McFarlin	11	12	33	45	1	0	
Scott Frost	17	—	—	0	102	Eric Johnson	11	16	28	44	3	0	
Kris Brown	0	57-57	14-17	0	99	Grant Wistrom	11	25	18	43	7.5	0	
Joel Makovicka	10	—	—	0	60	Eric Warfield	11	17	25	42	0	2	
Correll Buckhalter	6	—	—	0	36								



NEBRASKA ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
38	Dan Alexander	IB	6-0	250	Fr.	Wentzville, Mo.	57	Chad Kelsay	LR	6-3	250	Jr.	Auburn, Neb.
95	Derek Allen	DT	6-3	280	So.	Russellville, Ark.	22	Ben Kingston	FB	6-1	230	So.	Omaha, Neb.
70	Eric Anderson	OT	6-4	305	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.	47	Josh Kohl	WLB	6-1	220	So.	Hastings, Neb.
28	Josh Anderson	LCB	5-8	175	Fr.	Wahoo, Neb.	19	Jesse Kosch	P	6-0	190	Sr.	Columbus, Neb.
82	Sean Applegate	WB	5-9	180	So.	Lincoln, Neb.	23	Bill Lafleur	P	5-11	200	Jr.	Norfolk, Neb.
41	Rod Baker	WLB	6-0	210	Fr.	Hastings, Neb.	89	Jeff Lake	SE	6-4	210	Sr.	Columbus, Neb.
52	Matt Baldwin	C	6-1	280	So.	Arvada, Colo.	40	Billy Legate	FB	5-11	225	Jr.	Clearwater, Neb.
41	Sasho Becvarovski	TE	6-4	250	Fr.	Crown Point, Ind.	82	Curt Lenners	RR	6-3	225	Sr.	Filley, Neb.
24	Jason Benes	ROV	5-11	190	Sr.	Valparaiso, Neb.	29	Gregg List	ROV	6-0	200	So.	Valentine, Neb.
35	Kris Brown	PK	5-10	205	Jr.	Southlake, Texas	1	Frankie London	QB	6-0	180	So.	Lake Charles, La.
14	Lance Brown	WB	5-11	190	Jr.	Papillion, Neb.	45	Joel Makovicka	FB	5-11	235	Jr.	Brainard, Neb.
21	Mike Brown	ROV	5-11	205	So.	Scottsdale, Ariz.	4	Octavious McFarlin	WLB	5-11	200	Sr.	Bastrop, Texas
22	Ralph Brown II	RCB	5-10	180	So.	Hacienda Hghts., Calif.	15	Willie Miller	FB	6-0	235	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.
36	Correll Buckhalter	IB	6-2	210	Fr.	Collins, Miss.	93	Brandon Mooberry	LR	6-5	240	Fr.	Lexington, Neb.
39	Ben Buettenback	MLB	5-11	215	So.	Hastings, Neb.	8	Brian Morro	P	5-9	170	Jr.	Middletown, N.J.
90	Tim Carpenter	TE	6-3	250	Sr.	Columbus, Neb.	12	Bobby Newcombe	WB	6-0	185	Fr.	Albuquerque, N.M.
6	Kenny Cheatham	SE	6-4	205	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz.	37	Tony Ortiz	SLB	6-0	215	So.	Waterbury, Conn.
9	Monte Christo	QB	6-0	200	Jr.	Kearney, Neb.	55	Jason Peter	DT	6-5	285	Sr.	Locust, N.J.
68	Jeff Clausen	OT	6-6	310	So.	Dixon, Ill.	11	Jerome Peterson	LCB	5-7	185	So.	Port Allen, La.
42	Josh Cobb	FB	5-11	230	Jr.	Wallace, Neb.	37	Hank Piening	FB	6-2	205	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.
3	Matt Davison	SE	6-1	180	Fr.	Tecumseh, Neb.	13	Carlos Polk	MLB	6-3	245	Fr.	Rockford, Ill.
85	T.J. DeBates	TE	6-3	235	So.	Stewartville, Minn.	73	Fred Pollack	OT	6-4	305	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
58	Brandon Drum	DT-DS	6-3	275	So.	Columbus, Neb.	10	Brandon Quindt	ROV	6-0	200	Fr.	Scottsbluff, Neb.
36	Demond Finister	RCB	5-10	175	Fr.	Boys Town, Neb.	13	Ted Retzlaff	PK	6-0	180	Sr.	Walton, Neb.
20	Clint Finley	FS	5-11	200	Fr.	Cuero, Texas	9	Khari Reynolds	RCB	5-10	175	Fr.	Mays Landing, N.J.
83	Craig Fischer	SE	6-0	180	So.	Leigh, Neb.	86	Dorrick Roy	TE	6-3	240	Jr.	Inglewood, Calif.
44	Jay Foreman	MLB	6-1	235	Jr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.	84	Mike Rucker	LR	6-6	250	Jr.	St. Joseph, Mo.
43	Russell Froehlich	SLB	6-0	215	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.	16	Jay Runty	QB	6-0	185	Fr.	Elkhorn, Neb.
7	Scott Frost	QB	6-3	220	Sr.	Wood River, Neb.	65	Jason Schwab	OT	6-1	300	So.	Eagan, Minn.
97	Lonnie Fulton	TE	6-5	250	Fr.	Grand Island, Neb.	54	Doug Seaman	C	6-1	280	Sr.	Bellevue, Neb.
18	Jay Gates	RCB	6-0	185	Sr.	Aurora, Colo.	46	Brian Shaw	SLB	6-1	215	So.	Deweese, Neb.
72	Ben Gessford	OG	6-2	260	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb.	63	James Sherman	OG	6-2	300	So.	LaVerne, Calif.
30	Ahman Green	IB	6-0	215	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.	31	Jay Sims	IB	6-1	220	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
80	Billy Haafke	SE	5-11	190	Jr.	S. Sioux City, Neb.	16	Erwin Swiney	LCB	6-1	180	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.
17	Dan Hadenfeldt	PK	5-11	195	So.	Des Moines, Iowa	67	Aaron Taylor	OG	6-1	305	Sr.	Wichita Falls, Texas
2	Brandon Harrison	LCB	6-0	175	Jr.	Gainesville, Texas	79	Ross Tessendorf	DT	6-1	275	Jr.	Columbus, Neb.
78	Aaron Havlovic	C	6-3	270	So.	Osceola, Neb.	92	Travis Toline	RR	6-3	245	Jr.	Wahoo, Neb.
51	Kyle Henson	OG-DS	6-1	290	Sr.	Waverly, Neb.	71	Mike Van Cleave	OT	6-2	290	Sr.	Huffman, Texas
59	Josh Heske	C	6-3	280	Jr.	Yukon, Okla.	83	Kyle Vanden Bosch	LR	6-4	235	Fr.	Larchwood, Iowa
75	Russ Hochstein	OG	6-3	265	Fr.	Hartington, Neb.	61	Brandt Wade	OG	6-2	290	Jr.	Springfield, Neb.
49	Quint Hogrefe	SLB	5-11	210	Jr.	Auburn, Neb.	25	Joe Walker	LCB	5-10	190	Fr.	Arlington, Texas
62	Matt Hoskinson	OG-C	6-1	280	St.	Battle Creek, Neb.	32	Eric Walther	FS	6-0	180	Jr.	Juniata, Neb.
50	Julius Jackson	WLB	6-0	230	So.	Gainesville, Texas	3	Eric Warfield	FS	6-0	195	Sr.	Texarkana, Ark.
88	Sheldon Jackson	TE	6-4	245	Jr.	Diamond Bar, Calif.	96	Steve Warren	DT	6-1	295	So.	Springfield, Mo.
34	Vershan Jackson	TE	6-0	240	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	5	Shevin Wiggins	WB	5-11	190	Jr.	Palmetto, Fla.
1	Eric Johnson	WLB	6-0	200	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz.	99	Jason Wiltz	DT	6-3	310	Jr.	New Orleans, La.
56	Marcus Johnson	OG	6-4	290	So.	Oceanside, Calif.	98	Grant Wistrom	RR	6-5	255	Sr.	Webb City, Mo.
69	Adam Julch	OT	6-5	310	So.	Omaha, Neb.	64	Jon Zatechka	OG	6-2	290	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.
91	Loran Kaiser	DT	6-5	255	Fr.	Farwell, Neb.							



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The University of Nebraska was chartered by the Legislature in 1869 as the state's public university and land-grant institution. It was the first college west of the Mississippi River to confer graduate degrees.

The university's most comprehensive campus, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln includes the agricultural components organized within the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

UNL is a Carnegie Foundation Research Institution I, a member of the American Association of Universities and has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools for nearly all of this century (since 1913).

UNL offers 36 doctoral degree programs, 63 master's degree programs and five six-year specialist degree programs. The College of Law has a professional degree program and jointly administers with the Graduate College eight programs that combine a master's or doctoral degree with a law degree. The university's nine undergraduate colleges — Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering and Technology, Fine and Performing Arts, Human Resources and

Family Sciences, Journalism and Mass Communications, and Teachers — offer more than 120 baccalaureate degree programs in the arts, the sciences, the humanities and the professions.

A Comprehensive Education Program, introduced in the fall of 1995, embodies the ideals of a liberal arts education. The program acquaints all undergraduates with basic research tools and the global human context and introduces them to a wide variety of academic subject areas. It engages them intensively in written and oral communication and critical thinking. A co-curricular component encourages student leadership and involvement in campus activities and in the wider community.

UNL's approximately 25,000 students come from all 50 states, U.S. territories and more than 90 foreign countries. UNL employs some 1,500 faculty in instruction, research and outreach.

A new focus for science and technology, the George W. Beadle Center for Genetics and Biomaterials Research, was dedicated in 1995. The center contains state-of-the-art laboratories devoted to research and development in biotechnology, biochemistry, biological materials and related fields. The center is named in honor of a

Nobel Prize-winning geneticist and Nebraska-Lincoln alumnus.

Through its service programs, UNL reaches thousands of citizens each year. The Cooperative Extension Service provides all Nebraskans with information and assistance in agriculture and natural resources, home economics, family living, 4-H and youth development and community resource development. The Continuing Studies program offers alternatives to formal on-campus education with programs such as summer reading courses, night classes, independent study by correspondence, telecourses and study tours.

A number of specialized centers offer assistance to the state's citizens. The Bureau of Business Research is a valuable resource for citizens and local governments, as is the Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship. The University of Nebraska Engineering Extension service offers expertise statewide. The Food Processing Center has helped hundreds of food businesses in everything from product development to packaging to marketing. The Technology Transfer office helps expedite movement of university-developed knowledge into real-world products and processes.

The campus is home to the nationally renowned Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, the Christlieb Collection of Western Art, the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater, the Lentz Center for Asian Culture and the Lied Center for the Performing Arts. The University of Nebraska State Museum boasts a world-class fossil collection, natural history museum and planetarium. The university also is home to a botanical garden and arboretum, part of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum.



One of the most well-known landmarks on the Nebraska campus in Lincoln is Memorial Stadium.



NEBRASKA COACH TOM OSBORNE

The words were inscribed on Memorial Stadium's northwest corner some 14 years before he was born; "Courage; Generosity; Fairness; Honor; In these are the true awards of manly sports." How prophetic that phrase would come to be several years later in describing Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, who in 25 seasons on the Husker sideline, has built a total program based on more than just winning.

The veteran Husker mentor knows how to win, that's for sure. However, it is far from his only source of motivation. The nation's winningest active coach by percentage (minimum seven or more years of experience), Osborne sports a 253-49-3 record for a glossy .834 winning percentage. The past five seasons he has cemented his place alongside the game's legends by guiding the Huskers to an incredible 58-2 record and adding two national championships to his unmatched coaching resume. Osborne-coached Nebraska teams have captured 12 Big Eight crowns, won at least nine games (16 have won 10 or more games) and gone bowling every season — three more achievements which should ensure him a future Hall of Fame ticket.

Only two of the country's active Division I-A coaches have been on the job at

the same institution longer than the down-to-earth Osborne. Fresh off Nebraska's back-to-back national titles in 1994 and 1995, Osborne is in his 25th season as the Huskers' head man and his 36th overall in Lincoln.

But beyond the remarkable on-the-field success story his Husker teams have written in America's heartland, Osborne is committed to making a difference in the lives of his players, staff and the community in which he lives. In today's ever-changing world of intercollegiate athletics, Osborne is a pillar of stability.

A Hastings, Neb., native, Osborne may well be the state's best ambassador. He is an advocate of NCAA reform on behalf of all student-athletes, an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and supports numerous area youth education programs. He leads by example and teaches that life is more than just a 60-minute football game on autumn afternoons.

No less than 74 percent of Osborne's players at Nebraska have left with their degrees in hand, a figure which leads the Big 12 Conference. Not surprisingly, his program leads the nation in virtually every academic honor available to student-athletes. In short, he's built a model Division I-A program; one that combines academic excellence with a history of outstanding play on the field.

In the local community, Osborne and his wife, Nancy, have developed a special program for area youth. The Husker Teammates program matches Nebraska football players with local junior high school students in a big-brother relationship.

Financing for the Husker Teammates program comes from The Osborne Endowment for Youth. That fund, underwritten by the coach and his wife and established five years ago, aims to prevent junior high and middle school youths from dropping out of school and encourages them to continue their education beyond high school. At a 1994 banquet honoring Osborne for his 200th career victory, more than \$250,000 was raised for the endowment. This is a tribute not only to his on-the-field achievements, but his desire to make the community a better place and indicates the respect he enjoys from his peers.

Osborne encourages his players to give back to the community, evidenced by the more than 50,000 students his players reach on an annual basis through community outreach activities.

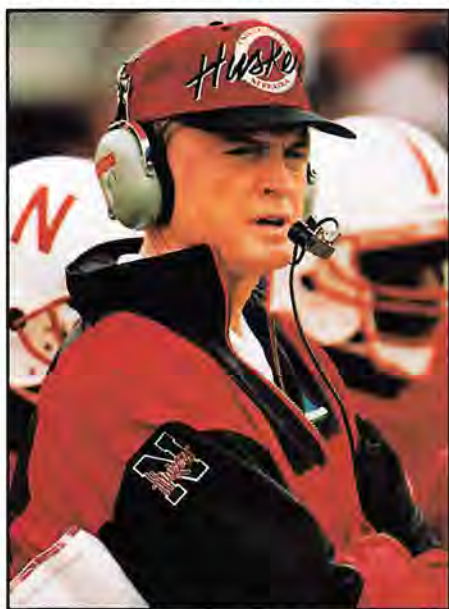
For his efforts on behalf of student-athletes and his work in the community, Osborne was selected as one of eight 1994 Giant Steps Award winners from around the nation by the Northeastern University Center for the Study of Sport in Society. The awards are given annually on National Student-Athlete Day to individuals and/or organizations who exemplify the ideals and provide the support necessary for student-athletes to achieve academic and athletic excellence. Osborne also received the 1995 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Distinguished American Award.

In addition to those honors, Osborne and his wife, Nancy, received the 1995 Father Flanagan Award for Service to Youth. The Father Flanagan Award is given in memory of the Boys Town founder and recognizes those whose service to youth is exemplary.

"Although national championships are wonderful, Tom and Nancy were chosen for this award because they have consistently displayed integrity, courage, compassion and moral leadership in their public and private lives," said Father Val J. Peter, Boys Town executive director. "They have been outstanding role models to athletes, families and youth alike," he added.

Osborne owns league records for victories (253), games (305) and seasons coached (25). Of Nebraska's 12 Big Eight titles during his tenure as head coach, eight were outright, including the last four in 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995. The Huskers also captured league championships in 1975, 1978, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1988 and 1991 under Osborne. They also posted perfect records during Big 12 regular-season play in the new league's first two seasons of existence.

Bowling, though, is far from a new-wave experience for the Huskers or Osborne, as all of Osborne's teams have made bowl treks and 34 of the 36 Husker teams he's been associated with have ended their season in a bowl game. With the Huskers



This year marks the 25th straight season Tom Osborne will lead Nebraska to a bowl game — a college football record by one coach at the same school.



set to receive another bid this year, they will be making their 25th bowl appearance under Osborne, who ranks third all-time behind Alabama's Paul "Bear" Bryant (29) and Penn State's Joe Paterno (27). Prior to this year, each of the last 16 have come in major bowls, another NCAA record. All of the Huskers' bowls with Osborne coaching have been played against teams ranked by the Associated Press, and 10 of the last 11, including the 1995 national title matchup with No. 2 Florida, have been against teams ranked in the top five, with nine of the 11 ranked higher than Nebraska. Osborne is 11-13 in bowl games.

However, perhaps most impressive among the many accomplishments Osborne's teams have achieved is Nebraska's remarkable record in the 1993-97 seasons, with each team being ranked first for at least part of the season. In 1995, Nebraska became the first school to win back-to-back national championships with unbeaten records since Oklahoma turned the trick in 1955-56. The Huskers capped their second consecutive title season with a 62-24 dismantling of Florida in the Fiesta Bowl. That victory gave Nebraska a three-year record of 36-1, becoming the

OSBORNE'S COLLEGIATE COACHING RECORD							
Year	School	W-L-T	Bowl	Year	School	W-L-T	Bowl
1973	Nebraska	9-2-1	Cotton	1986	Nebraska	10-2-0	Sugar
1974	Nebraska	9-3-0	Sugar	1987	Nebraska	10-2-0	Fiesta
1975	Nebraska	10-2-0	Fiesta	1988	Nebraska	11-2-0	Orange
1976	Nebraska	9-3-1	Bluebonnet	1989	Nebraska	10-2-0	Fiesta
1977	Nebraska	9-3-0	Liberty	1990	Nebraska	9-3-0	Citrus
1978	Nebraska	9-3-0	Orange	1991	Nebraska	9-2-1	Orange
1979	Nebraska	10-2-0	Cotton	1992	Nebraska	9-3-0	Orange
1980	Nebraska	10-2-0	Sun	1993	Nebraska	11-1-0	Orange
1981	Nebraska	9-3-0	Orange	1994	Nebraska	13-0-0	Orange
1982	Nebraska	12-1-0	Orange	1995	Nebraska	12-0-0	Fiesta
1983	Nebraska	12-1-0	Orange	1996	Nebraska	11-2-0	Orange
1984	Nebraska	10-2-0	Sugar	1997	Nebraska	11-0-0	
1985	Nebraska	9-3-0	Fiesta	Total		253-49-3	25 Years

first school in collegiate history to post 36 wins in a three-year period.

The Fiesta Bowl following the '95 season was the third straight title game Nebraska played in, as the Huskers dropped a heartbreaking 18-16 decision to Florida State in the 1994 FedEx Orange Bowl and defeated Miami (Fla.) 24-17 in the 1995 Orange Bowl Classic.

Under Osborne's capable direction, Nebraska's NCAA-record string of consecutive winning seasons has grown to 36, including a record 29 consecutive seasons with at least nine victories. The Huskers will make an NCAA-record 29th-straight bowl appearance this season, a streak which ranks as the longest active string in college football.

NEBRASKA ASSISTANT COACHES



Frank Solich
Asst. Head Coach/RBs



Charlie McBride
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Rush Ends



Craig Bohl
Linebackers



Ron Brown
Receivers



George Darlington
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Quarterbacks



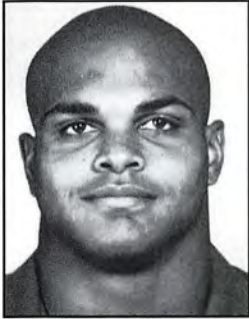
Milt Tenopir
Offensive Line



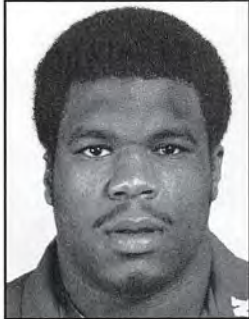
Dan Young
Offensive Line/Kickers



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38 Dan Alexander
I-Back



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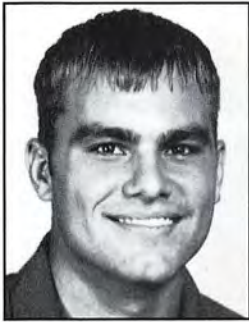
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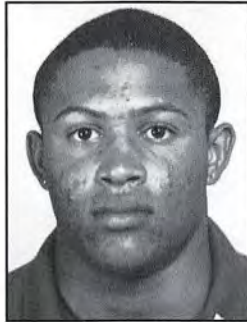
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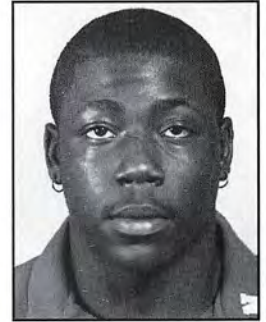
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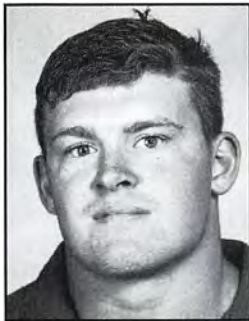
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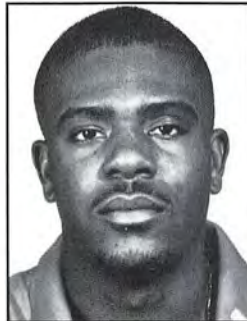
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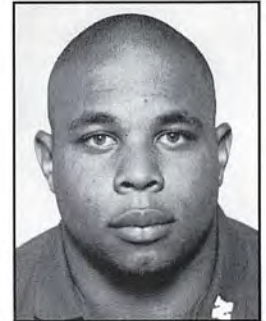
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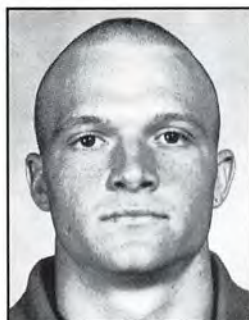
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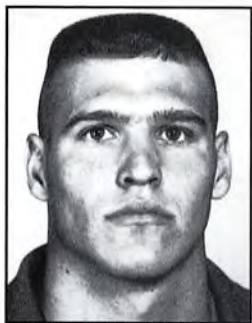
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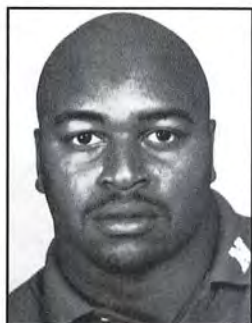
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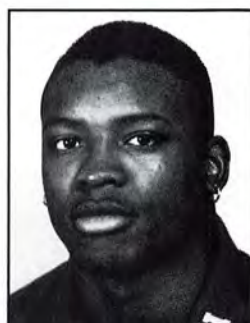
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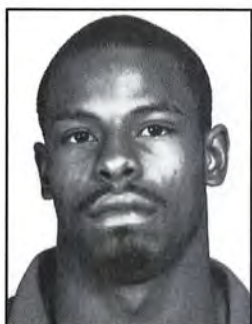
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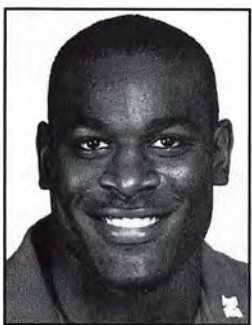
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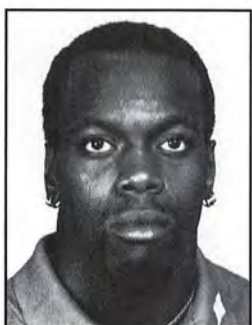
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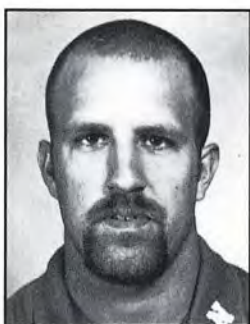
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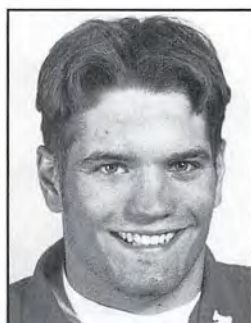
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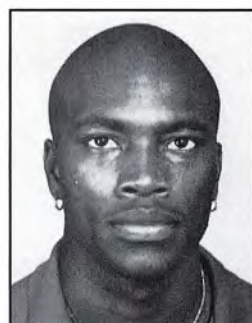
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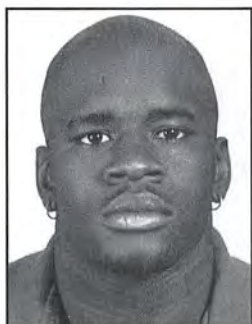
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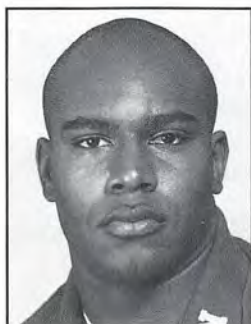
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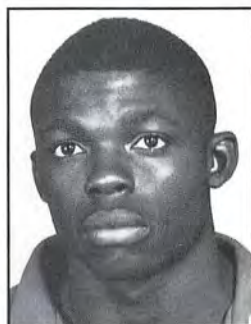
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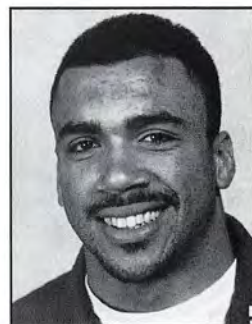
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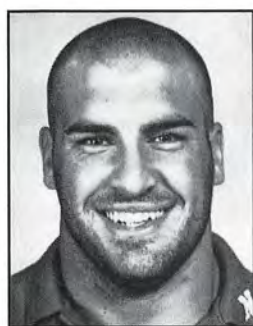
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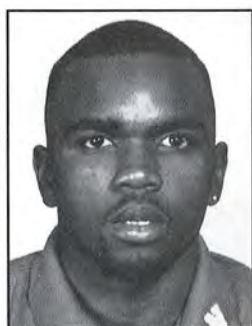
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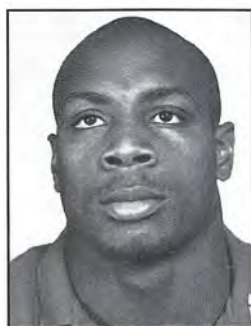
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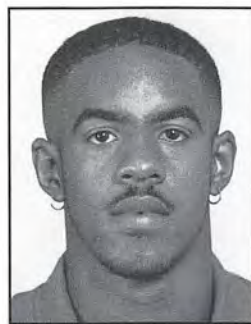
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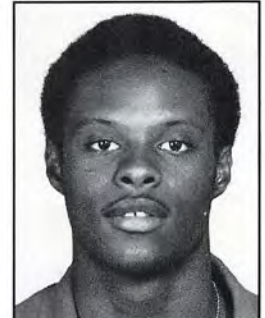
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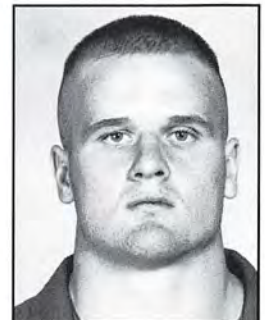
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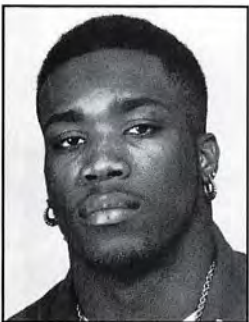
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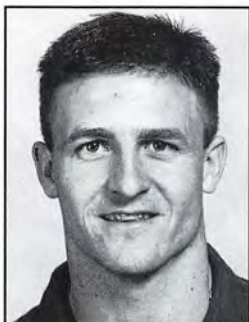
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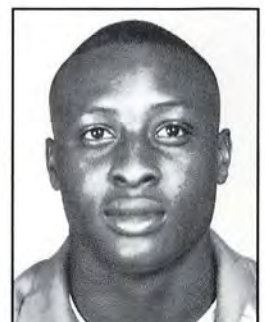
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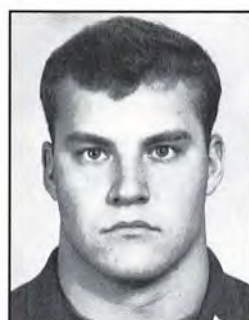
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NEBRASKA SEASON RECAP

1 Nebraska 59 Akron 14

August 30 at Lincoln, NE

Nebraska opened its 108th season of football with a dominating performance against overmatched Akron in Lincoln. Nebraska built a 38-0 halftime lead and cruised to a 59-14 victory in front of the 215th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium. The game also marked Nebraska's 300th all-time win in the stadium, opened in 1923. The Huskers showed in game one they would be a dominating running team in 1997. Nebraska amassed 472 yards on the ground and scored all eight of its touchdowns via the rush. Four Huskers scored two touchdowns each, led by quarterback Scott Frost who rushed for a then-career-high 123 yards on 11 carries. Junior I-back Ahman Green tallied 99 yards and two touchdowns on just nine carries, while true freshman I-back Correll Buckhalter and junior fullback Joel Makovicka also had two rushing touchdowns each. Included in Makovicka's day was a highlight reel 20-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter in which he broke at least seven Akron tackles and dragged four defenders into the end zone. The Nebraska defense also was its usual dominating self, holding the Zips scoreless until reserves entered the game in the third quarter.

2 Nebraska 38 Central Florida 24

September 13 at Lincoln, NE

In the week leading up to Nebraska's game with Central Florida, Husker coach Tom Osborne frequently praised the Golden Knights' talent. Few believed Osborne's warning about the second-year Division I program. However, after one half of play everyone in the crowd of 75,327 and people around the country took notice of Central Florida. The Golden Knights rode the strong right arm of quarterback Daunte Culpepper and a fleet of speedy receivers to a 17-14 halftime lead over sixth-ranked Nebraska. In the third quarter, Nebraska responded to the UCF challenge, scoring

17 unanswered points to open a two-touchdown advantage. Kris Brown connected on a 21-yard field goal early in the third period to tie the game and I-back Correll Buckhalter had scoring runs of 13 and 5 yards to give the Huskers the 14-point lead. Central Florida gave the Huskers a late scare, scoring with just over seven minutes remaining to cut the Nebraska lead to 31-24. However, the Huskers showed the mark of a championship team, marching 69 yards in eight plays for the clinching touchdown run by Scott Frost, giving NU a 38-24 win. Nebraska's offense was clicking on all cylinders against UCF, rolling up 514 yards of total offense, including 364 on the ground. Ahman Green rushed for 113 yards on 25 carries, while Buckhalter added 82 yards and two scores. Frost threw for 120 yards and a second-quarter touchdown to tight end Sheldon Jackson. On the defensive side, rover Mike Brown led the Huskers with nine tackles, while defensive tackle Jason Peter had 1 1/2 sacks and Grant Wistrom also got to the Central Florida quarterback. Culpepper finished the afternoon with 318 passing yards and completed 24 of his 35 aerials.

3 Nebraska 27 Washington 14

September 20 at Seattle, WA

A week after a sluggish outing against Central Florida dropped Nebraska to seventh in the polls, the Huskers faced their toughest test of the young season as they played second-ranked Washington in the hostile environs of Husky Stadium. The Huskies were a touchdown favorite in the game, playing in their home stadium. However, Nebraska set the tone early in the game and dominated throughout en route to an impressive 27-14 victory. Washington took the opening kickoff and marched deep into Husker territory, but the Blackshirt defense stiffened and forced



Grant Wistrom led a Blackshirt defense that limited Texas Tech to 127 total yards in a 29-0 Husker whitewashing.

a Washington field goal attempt, which missed. Nebraska turned to its power running game and marched 80 yards in six plays, capped by a 34-yard run by Scott Frost. On Nebraska's next series, the Huskers again ran successfully right at the Washington defense, marching 56 yards in 10 plays, capped by a 30-yard Frost run. An Ahman Green four-yard touchdown run midway through the second quarter pushed the Husker lead to 21-0. Washington rallied to within 21-14, scoring a touchdown just before halftime and another late in the third quarter. However, Nebraska monopolized the clock in the fourth quarter, marching for two Kris Brown field goals to clinch the win. Nebraska gained 472 yards offensively, including 384 on the ground, while limiting the high-powered UW attack to 342 yards and just 43 on the ground. Green and Joel Makovicka each ran for 129 yards and Frost nearly gave the Huskers three rushers over the century mark with 97 yards. Defensively, Jay Foreman had nine stops while Octavious McFarlin had seven tackles. The Huskers also harassed Washington quarterbacks all afternoon, recording four sacks and 13 quarterback hurries. The win vaulted the Huskers to third in both national polls and set the stage for a run at a third national championship in four seasons.



4 Nebraska 56 Kansas State 26

October 4 at Lincoln, NE

Two weeks after a dominating victory over Washington, Nebraska returned to action against 17th-ranked Kansas State. The Wildcats have become one of Nebraska's toughest foes on a yearly basis, but the Huskers took control of the 1997 meeting early. Nebraska went 80 yards in 10 plays to open the game, capped by an Ahman Green 25-yard run. The Wildcats responded with a scoring drive to cut the lead to 7-6, but after that the Husker offense cut loose. Kris Brown connected on two field goals and a Scott Frost four-yard run before half gave the Huskers a comfortable 20-6 lead at the break. In the third quarter the Huskers broke the game wide open, behind the running of Ahman Green. The junior I-back scored three touchdowns on runs of seven, 59 and 50 yards to give Nebraska a 41-6 edge. The two teams traded late touchdowns to account for the final margin. Green was the offensive standout, rushing for 193 yards and four touchdowns on 20 carries. Frost was also effective, carrying 17 times for 98 yards and a touchdown. The Blackshirt defense limited the Wildcats to 260 total yards.

5 Nebraska 49 Baylor 21

October 11 at Waco, TX

Third-ranked Nebraska continued its dominance of the Big 12 Conference with a 49-21 whipping of Baylor on a rainy night in Waco, Texas. The Husker victory was even more decisive than the final would indicate, as Baylor scored two late touchdowns to make the final margin more respectable. Nebraska scored midway through the first period on an Ahman Green three-yard run to take a 7-0 lead. On the next possession, the Bears stunned the Husker defense, as Jerod Douglas scored on an 80-yard run to tie the game. However, the rest of the first

half was all Nebraska as the Huskers scored five touchdowns in a span of 14 minutes to take a 42-7 lead into the locker room. Joel Makovicka scored from 15 yards out late in the first quarter and Green put together his second-straight four-touchdown game with 58-, two- and 30-yard scoring runs in the second quarter. Jay Sims capped the second-quarter scoring with a two-yard touchdown run. Scott Frost added a one-yard score early in the third before Baylor scored twice in the fourth quarter. Eric Johnson led the Husker defense with six stops while Tony Ortiz added five. The Huskers sacked Baylor quarterback Jeff Watson four times.

6 Nebraska 29 Texas Tech 0

October 18 at Lincoln, NE

Texas Tech brought one of the Big 12's stingiest defenses to Lincoln in hopes of ruining Nebraska's Homecoming party. However, it was the Husker Blackshirt defense which showed its strength, shutting out Texas Tech in a 29-0 Husker victory. The Red Raiders held Nebraska scoreless until late in the first quarter, when a Kris Brown 32-yard field goal gave the Huskers a 3-0 edge. In the second quarter, Nebraska added 10 points on a pass from Scott Frost to Joel Makovicka and a 41-yard Brown field goal. Brown added a third field goal in the third quarter and offensive guard Jon Zatechka scored his first career touchdown by recovering a fumble in the end zone. Ahman Green closed out the

Husker scoring with a seven-yard run early in the fourth quarter. The story du jour was the Husker defense, which limited Texas Tech to six first downs and just 127 yards of total offense and recorded four sacks for the second consecutive game. The Husker offense was headed by Green, who picked up his fifth straight 100-yard rushing game with 178 yards on 24 carries. The win gave coach Tom Osborne 248 career wins in his 300th game as Nebraska's coach. The Husker victory impressed pollsters enough to move them to the top of both polls, marking the fifth straight season Nebraska had spent some time atop one of the two major polls.

7 Nebraska 35 Kansas 0

October 25 at Lawrence, KS

For the second straight week, the Nebraska defense completely dominated the opposition, as the Huskers shut out Kansas 35-0 in Lawrence. Nebraska opened the scoring on a Joel Makovicka five-yard run in the first quarter. Scott Frost scored from 27 yards out and Makovicka added an 18-yard score in the second quarter to push the Husker lead to 21-0. Meanwhile, the Kansas offense was going nowhere, as the Jayhawks had no first downs and minus 19 yards at halftime. Things didn't get much better in the second half for KU as it never mounted a serious threat against the Huskers. In fact, Kansas did not snap the ball in Husker territory all night. Nebraska added two fourth-quarter touchdowns to ac-

count for the final 35-0 margin. KU gained just 48 yards on 48 plays in the entire game, the fifth-lowest total ever by a Husker opponent and the fewest since 1964. The second straight shutout was the first time NU had shut out back-to-back opponents since the 1979 season. Offensively, Ahman Green had 123 yards on 25 carries, his sixth straight 100-yard rushing effort. The Huskers three-headed rushing monster also consisted of Frost and Makovicka, who picked up 121 and 82 yards, respectively.



Jason Peter and the Husker defense overwhelmed Oklahoma en route to a 69-7 triumph — the largest margin of victory in series history.



8 Nebraska 69 Oklahoma 7

November 1 at Lincoln, NE

The Nebraska-Oklahoma game marked the end of an era for one of the nation's best rivalries. It also was a celebration in Lincoln, as Husker coach Tom Osborne reached the 250-win plateau faster than any coach in college history. The game, which was the final NU-OU meeting on the gridiron until 2000, bore little resemblance to the classic matchups that made the "Battle of Big Reds" special. A combination of Husker firepower and Sooner mistakes let Nebraska blow the game open early and cruise to a 69-7 victory. In the first half, Nebraska got three touchdown runs and a Scott Frost 40-yard touchdown pass to freshman phenom Bobby Newcombe. Also included in the Huskers' offensive onslaught were two Kris Brown field goals, giving the Huskers a 34-0 halftime lead. The rout continued in the second half, as the Huskers went up 55-0 with five minutes left in the third quarter. After nearly 11 scoreless quarters, the Blackshirt defense finally surrendered a score as Oklahoma hit paydirt late in the third quarter. Two fourth-quarter Husker touchdowns capped a strong performance for Osborne's squad. Joel Makovicka rushed for 101 yards and three scores, while I-back Ahman Green gained 105 yards on 18 carries. On the defensive side, Grant Wistrom showed why he is an All-American. The senior had 10 tackles — including two sacks — caused three fumbles, one of which he recovered.

9 Nebraska 45 Missouri 38 (OT)

November 8 at Columbia, MO

Sometimes a little luck doesn't hurt. In its first-ever overtime game, the top-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers beat Missouri, 45-38, in Columbia. Nebraska drove 67 yards in 10 plays in the last 1:02 of regulation to tie the score at 38-all, on a remarkable play to close regulation. Facing a third down from the Missouri 12 with just seven seconds remaining, quarterback Scott Frost attempted a pass to the goal line to wingback Shevin Wiggins, who could not control the ball. However, the ball deflected off

Wiggins' foot and into the air and a diving Matt Davison caught the ball just before it touched the ground. In overtime, Nebraska lost the toss, but got the ball first and scored in three plays on a 12-yard Frost run. The Blackshirt defense then responded, stopping Missouri in four plays to preserve the thrilling victory. Overall, Frost had four rushing touchdowns, tying the school record for the most rushing TDs by a quarterback. Frost rushed for more than 100 yards for the third straight game, with a career-high 141 yards. Ahman Green recorded his eighth straight 100-yard rushing game with 189 yards. The remarkable finish capped a see-saw battle between two offenses which kept the opposing defense off balance all afternoon. The Huskers rolled up 528 yards of total offense, including 353 yards on the ground. Missouri's play-action passing and option running gave the Blackshirts fits all afternoon. The Tigers gained 386 yards of total offense, including 233 through the air. Mizou quarterback Corby Jones accounted for 293 yards of total offense and four touchdowns. Although the narrow victory cost Nebraska the top spot in the polls, it ensured the Huskers' 29th consecutive nine-win season and kept Nebraska's hopes of a third national title in four seasons alive.



Ahman Green has had plenty to celebrate this year, including his 209-yard day in the Huskers' 77-14 rout of Iowa State.

10 Nebraska 77 Iowa State 14

November 15 at Lincoln, NE

Nebraska needed less than a quarter to put its game with Iowa State out of reach. The Huskers exploded for 35 first-quarter points to set the tone for a 77-14 rout. Ahman Green got the scoring started with an 18-yard TD run and added two more first-quarter touchdowns on runs of 49 and four yards. He finished the day with 209 yards on just 15 carries. The 35 first-quarter points tied a school record for points in the opening quarter. The Huskers tacked on 28 second-quarter points to push the halftime margin to 63-7. The 63 points also tied a record for most points in a first half. Osborne pulled back the reins in the second half, but NU did add 14 points. The victory clinched Nebraska's fifth straight 10-win season and secured the Huskers' place in the Big 12 title game.

11 Nebraska 27 Colorado 24

November 28 at Boulder, CO

In their regular-season finale, the Huskers held off a furious Colorado rally to stay undefeated with a 27-24 victory. Nebraska moved out to a 10-3 halftime lead before the fireworks began. The second half opened with a blur, as Ahman Green scored on a 16-yard run 35 seconds in before John Hessler hit Dwayne Cherrington 33 seconds later for a Colorado touchdown. Nebraska closed the third quarter scoring with another Green touchdown and Kris Brown's 46-yard field goal. The Huskers held the 27-10 edge until Hessler hit Marcus Stiggers for a 32-yard TD strike with less than four minutes left. Colorado recovered an onside kick and scored with 2:37 on the clock on another Hessler pass. The next Buffaloes' onside kick attempt wasn't successful, but the defense held and the Huskers had to punt. Colorado moved the ball to near midfield, but surrendered it on downs with under a minute to go and Nebraska ran the clock out. Green finished with a whopping 202 yards on 29 carries to lead the Husker offense, while Hessler was the Buffaloes' big gun, completing 19 of his 35 passes for 362 yards.

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Athletically, the Big 12 Conference has accounted for more than 130 NCAA team championships and 15 wire service football titles, while its student-athletes have claimed more than 800 NCAA individual crowns prior to the start of the 1997-98 academic year.

Institution chancellors and presidents are the Conference's chief policy-makers, operating as the Council of Chief Executive Officers. Administration of the league will occur through the Faculty Athletics Representatives, Athletics Directors and Senior Woman Administrators.

Steven J. Hatchell was appointed the league's inaugural commissioner March 26, 1995, and assumed his duties on July 1, 1995. Hatchell has extensive ties to the league as he has served as commissioner of the Southwest Conference for two years. His association with the current membership of the Big Eight began in the early 1970s as he worked in the athletic depart-

ment at Colorado, his alma mater. He later served as the league's Service Bureau Director and went on to be both an Associate and the Interim Commissioner of the Big Eight, working under Commissioners Chuck Neinas and Carl James. His tenure at the Southwest Conference was preceded by a stint as Metro Conference Commissioner (1983-87) and as Orange Bowl Executive Director.

The Big 12 sponsors 21 sports including: football, cross country, volleyball, indoor track and field, swimming and diving, basketball, soccer, wrestling, gymnastics, golf, tennis, softball, outdoor track and field and baseball.

1997-98 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Sport	Venue; City, State
November 1	Women's and Men's Cross Country Women's Champion: Colorado Men's Champion: Colorado	OSU Cross Country Course; Stillwater, OK
November 6-9	Women's Soccer Champion: Texas A&M	Blossom Soccer Complex; San Antonio, TX
December 6	Football	Alamodome; San Antonio, TX
February 19-21	Women's Swimming and Diving	Jamail Swim Center; Austin, TX
February 26-28	Men's Swimming and Diving	Rec Center Natatorium; College Station, TX
February 27-28	Women's and Men's Indoor Track and Field	Lied Recreation Facility; Ames, IA
March 3-7	Women's Basketball	Municipal Auditorium; Kansas City, MO
March 5-8	Men's Basketball	Kemper Arena; Kansas City, MO
March 7	Wrestling	Lloyd Noble Center; Norman, OK
March 21	Women's Gymnastics	Devaney Sports Center; Lincoln, NE
April 23-26	Women's and Men's Tennis	Woods Park Tennis Center; Lincoln, NE
April 24-26	Women's Golf	University Golf Course; Norman, OK
April 27-28	Men's Golf	Prairie Dunes Golf Course; Hutchinson, KS
May 1-3	Softball	ASA Hall of Fame Stadium; Oklahoma City, OK
May 14-17	Baseball	The Ballpark in Bricktown; Oklahoma City, OK
May 15-17	Women's and Men's Outdoor Track and Field	MU Track & Soccer Complex; Columbia, MO

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Big 12 commissioner Steve Hatchell was on hand for the first Big 12 football game — Texas Tech at Kansas State — held August 31, 1996. He is flanked by Texas Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers (left) and Kansas State Athletics Director Max Urick (right).

Steven J. Hatchell was named as the first Commissioner of the Big 12 Conference on March 26, 1995, and continues to be an innovator in almost every area of college athletics.

His appointment followed an association of a combined 25 years as a student, administrator, conference office official and a bowl executive director within the framework of the Big Eight and Southwest Conferences.

Hatchell, current chair of NCAA Football/Power of One Committee to expand college football marketing nationwide through the NCAA and related organizations, has demonstrated a constant commitment to excellence for the groups he has worked for. He is one of the nation's leaders in innovative marketing and at developing multi-media projects and solidifying intraconference working relationships.

Hatchell was instrumental in the development of both the College Football Bowl

(NACDA) and was a member of the Board of Directors for the College Football Association.

The first Big 12 Commissioner also was the fifth Commissioner of the Southwest Conference from 1993-95. He held the same position from 1983-87 with the Metro Conference. While at the Metro he supervised conference operations for 13 sports while instituting student-athlete recognition programs and relocating the conference office from St. Louis to Atlanta. During his tenure with the Metro, teams from that circuit were in the NCAA basketball Final Four three times in four

years, and the 1985-86 Louisville Cardinals won the NCAA men's basketball title. Hatchell served in several capacities in the Big Eight Conference from 1977-83. His duties ranged from Service Bureau Director to Assistant Commissioner to Interim Commissioner. At each conference he established Commissioner's Honor Roll procedures and created or expanded sponsorship agreements for academic recognition.

Hatchell has been active in the United States and International Olympic movements. He was director of the 1993 Olympic Congress in Miami Beach and serves as a board member of the Olympic Congress. He also led bids by South Florida for the 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival, the 1995 TAC Championships and the 1998 Goodwill Games. Under his direction, the Orange Bowl Committee produced the Florida Sunshine State Games in 1990.

He has been a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee's Public Relations Committee and has served as media liaison at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y., the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles, the Winter and Summer Olympics in Calgary and Seoul, respectively, in 1988, and the 1992 Summer Games in Barcelona. In addition, he has served on the media relations advisory staff of the U.S. Ski Team since 1980.

Hatchell recently served as an at-large member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of College Directors of Athletics

Hatchell has been active in the Special Olympics (the official charity of choice for the Big 12 Conference since September 1996) and Best Buddies programs. He was

secretary-treasurer of the Miami Mega-City Special Olympics Committee and is on the Board of Directors for state of Texas Special Olympics. He staged opening ceremonies in 1993 at Orange Bowl Stadium for Special Olympics.

Hatchell graduated from the University of Colorado in 1970 with a degree in journalism. He and wife Patty have two sons, Matthew and Jonathan.



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THE ALAMODOME

The Alamodome, which opened its doors on May 15, 1993, is unlike any other stadium in the world due to its design and versatility. The facility has a cable-suspended roof, a retractable seating system, a flexible floor grid system, formal entries and large food court areas. It is truly a one-of-a-kind facility.

The Alamodome is the first of the recently built generation of domed stadiums — a multi-purpose facility. The building has several configurations, ranging from 5,000 seats for small conventions to 72,000 for an event in the round. The permanent home of the NBA's San Antonio Spurs, the facility holds 21,372 for NBA action. For selected games, the upper level of the basketball configuration can be opened, pushing the capacity above 35,000.

In addition to the second annual Dr Pepper Big 12 Football Championship, the Builders Square Alamo Bowl also takes place at the Alamodome. The fifth edition of the postseason bowl, which features teams from the Big Ten and Big 12 conferences, brings exciting college football action to the Alamo City. The 1995 bowl attracted an Alamodome football record crowd of 64,597 fans, which watched No. 19 Texas A&M squeak by No. 22 Michigan 22-20.

The Alamodome features 38 luxury suites, with a proposed 26 more to be finished in the next year. The building also features more than 6,000 club-level seats that provide fans with the ultimate in upscale viewing options and dining privileges.

With the addition of the Alamodome, the City of San Antonio has become a major player in the sports world. The first sporting event in the Alamodome was the 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival, which ran from July 23 to August 1. The building



Photo courtesy of the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Alamodome has quickly become recognized as the home of some of college sports' biggest events, including the 1997 Dr Pepper Big 12 Football Championship game.

hosted the Festival's Opening Ceremonies and was the venue for all ice events. It is the only building in the world with two permanent Olympic-size ice sheets under one roof.

The Alamodome attracted NFL football to the Alamo City in 1993 when it hosted two Houston Oilers preseason games. The first football game on August 7, 1993, saw the New Orleans Saints down the Oilers 37-28. Two weeks later, the Oilers defeated the world champion Dallas Cowboys 23-20 in front of a capacity crowd of 65,000. In all, the Alamodome has played host to 14 football games in the last four years and attracted more than 700,000 fans. In addition, the Alamodome was the site of "The Fight," which ended in a draw between Julio Cesar Chavez and Pernell Whitaker on September 10, 1996, in front of more than 60,000 fans.

The building has been a regular stop for

NFL preseason football as the Oilers hosted the San Diego Chargers and four-time defending AFC Champion Buffalo Bills in 1994 and the Dallas Cowboys in 1995 in the Builders Square Governor's Cup.

The building has also had an immediate impact nationally, as San Antonio and the Alamodome hosted the 1996 NBA All-Star Weekend (Feb. 9-11, 1996) and the highly successful NCAA Midwest Regional basketball tournament in 1997 at which the Minnesota Gophers beat UCLA in the championship to advance to the Final Four.

College basketball will be paying another visit to San Antonio next spring as the 1998 NCAA Men's Final Four takes center stage at the Alamodome.

The total cost of the facility was \$186 million, which was paid for by a one-half cent sales tax that went into effect in 1989 and ended in March 1994.

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ALAMODOME FACTS

Alamodome Records

The 1995 Builders Square Alamo Bowl, a 22-20 win for Texas A&M over Michigan, drew an Alamodome record crowd of 64,597. The dome has seen crowds in excess of 60,000 several other times, including a capacity crowd for a 1993 exhibition NFL game between the Houston Oilers and Dallas Cowboys. "The Fight" between Julio Ceasar Chavez and Pernell Whitaker in September 1996 also drew in excess of 60,000 fans.

Texas Tech's Byron "Bam" Morris holds the collegiate Alamodome rushing record. Morris, now with the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, rushed for 237 yards in Texas Tech's 58-7 victory over Houston on Nov. 20, 1993. Morris' teammate — Robert Hall — owns the Alamodome's passing mark with his 303-yard effort in the Red Raider win.

Texas' Lovell Pinkney holds the stadium record for receptions in a game with seven (vs. SMU on Oct. 23, 1993) and receiving yards with 150 in that same game. Pinkney also owns the longest reception in Alamodome history when he hooked up with Shea Morenz for a 61-yard aerial in Texas' 37-10 victory over SMU.

Texas A&M's Kyle Bryant kicked the two longest field goals in dome history, hitting from 49 and 47 yards vs. Michigan in the 1995 Builders Square Alamo Bowl.

Parking Info

There are 2,992 on-site parking spaces available for \$10.

Handicapped Info

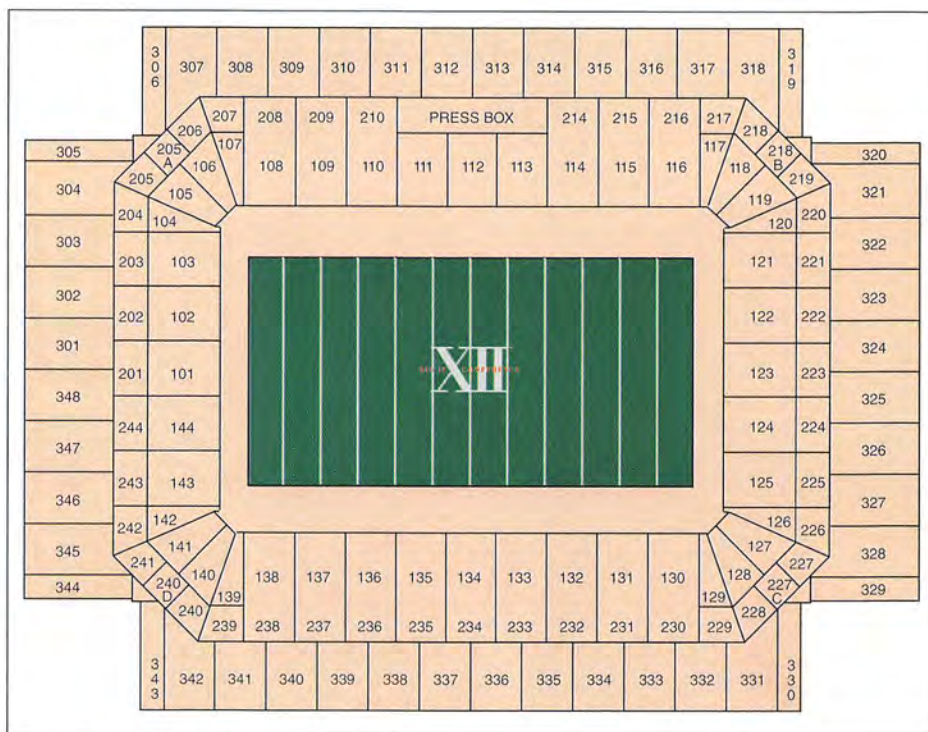
All entrances and restrooms are handicapped-accessible. No special passes are required for the 210 handicapped seats.

Buying and Reselling Tickets

Reselling game tickets for more than face value is a class C misdemeanor punishable by a maximum \$200 fine.

Airport Info

San Antonio International Airport is just 10 miles from the Alamodome. It's about a 15-minute drive taking Interstate 37 south into downtown and exiting at Durango Street to get to the dome.



Big 12 Championship Game History

The Texas Longhorns used a gutsy pass play from James Brown to Derrick Lewis on fourth down at their own 28-yard line in the closing minutes of the game to finish off two-time defending national champion Nebraska, 37-27, in the inaugural Big 12 Championship game played at the Trans World Dome in St. Louis, Mo.

The Longhorns opened the scoring on a five-yard run by senior Priest Holmes in the first quarter and would not relinquish the lead until Nebraska scored late in the third. Texas reclaimed the lead on a 66-yard pass play from James Brown to Wane McGarity and sealed the win with another run by Holmes, who racked up 120 yards in the game.





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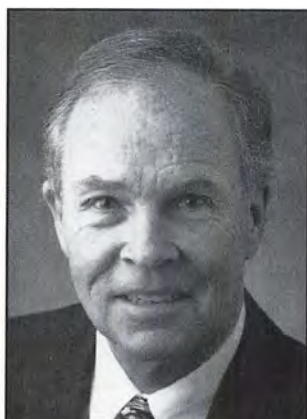
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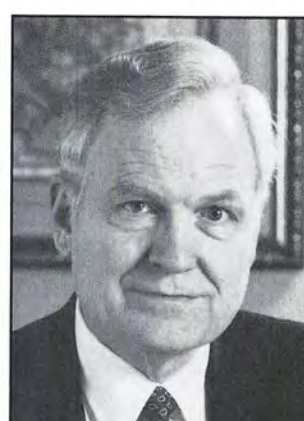
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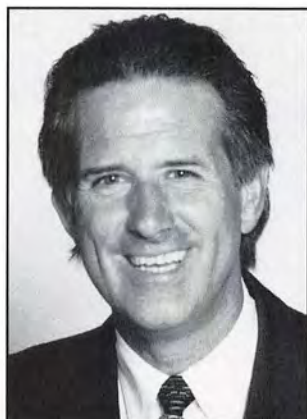
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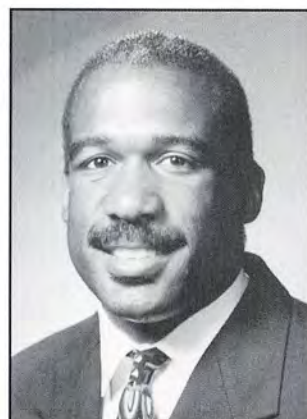
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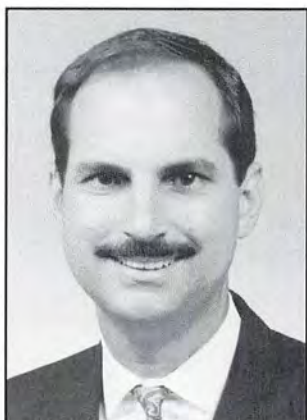
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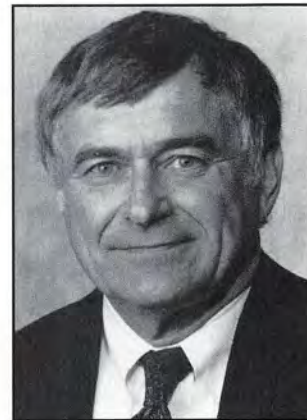
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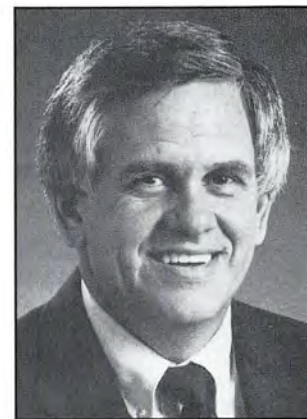
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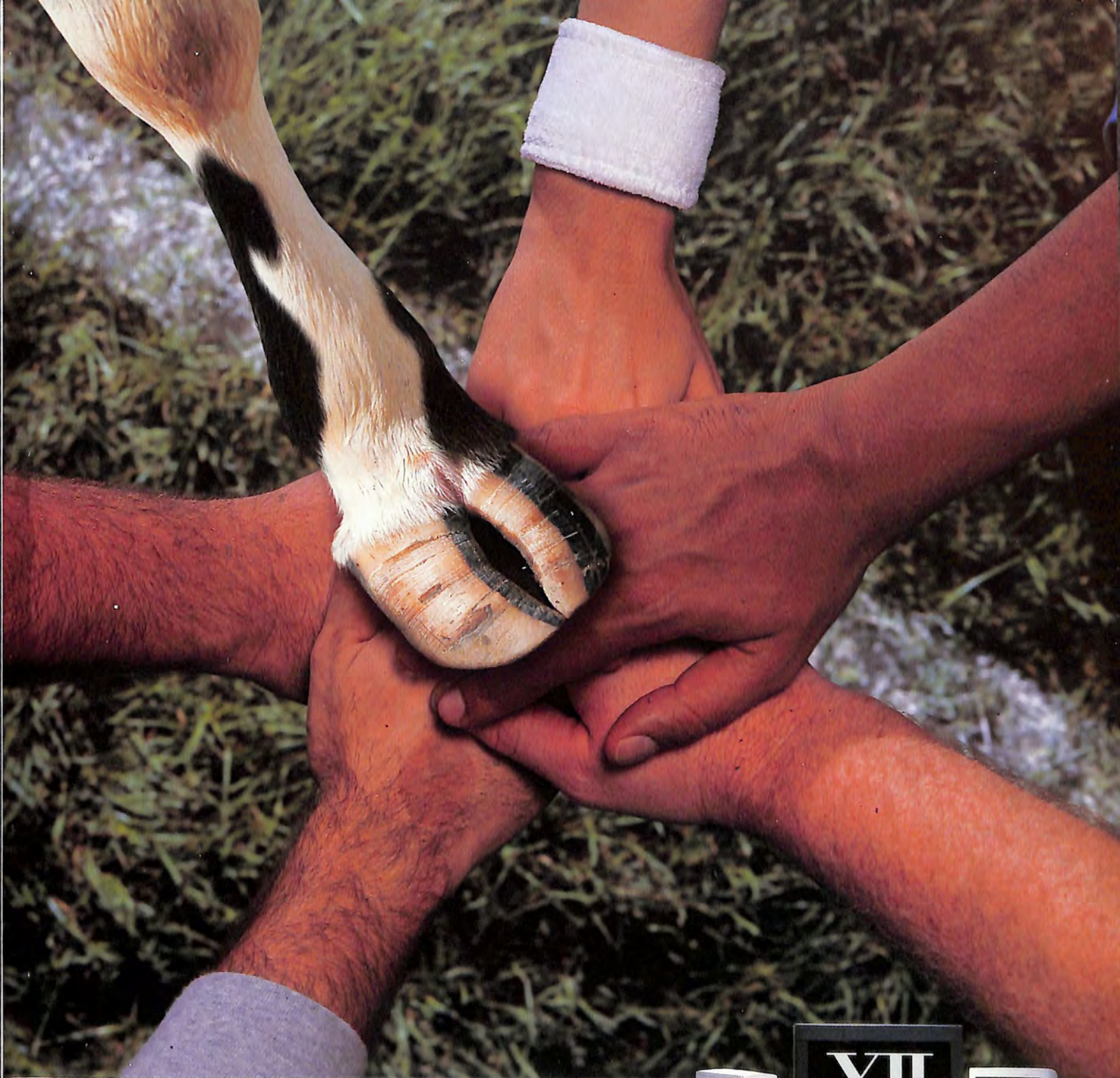
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